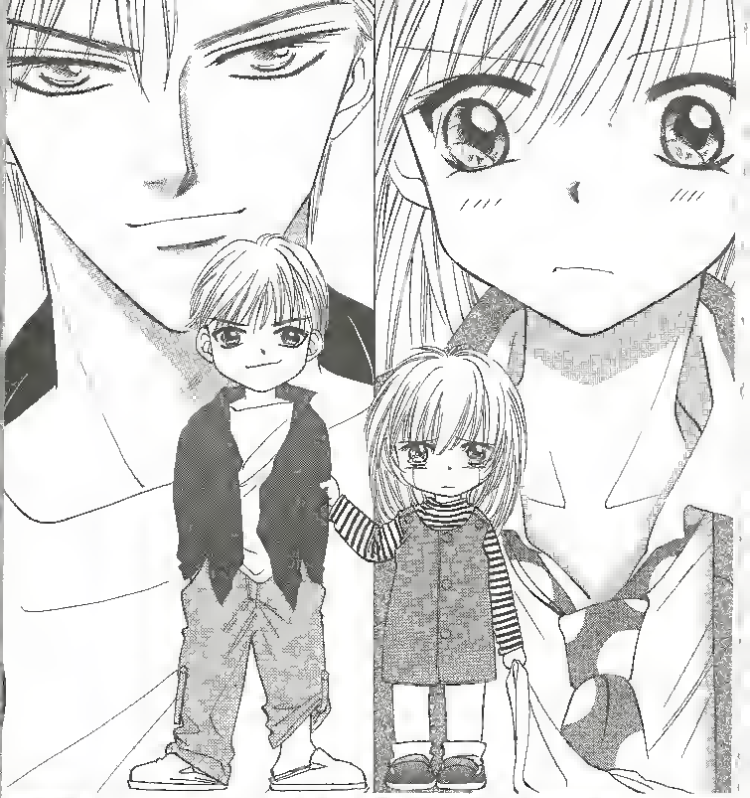

HAPPY HUSTLE HIGH

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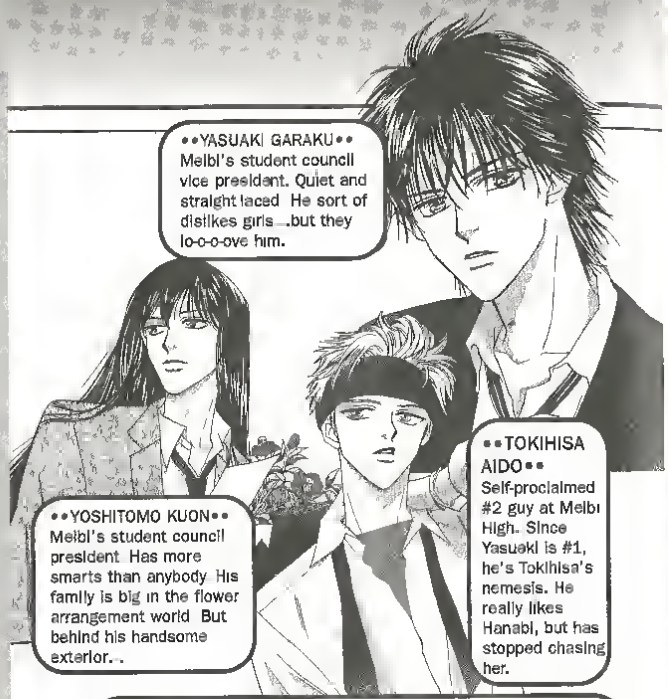
••YASUAKI GARAKU••
Meibi's student council vice president. Quiet and straight laced. He sort of dislikes girls...but they lo-o-o-ove him.
••YOSHITOMO KUON••
Meibi's student council president. Has more smarts than anybody. His family is big in the flower arrangement world. But behind his handsome exterior. .
••TOKIHISA AIDO••
Self-proclaimed #2 guy at Meibi High. Since Yasuaki is #1, he's Tokihisa's nemesis. He really likes Hanabi, but has stopped chasing her.

•••STORY•••

One day, an ordinary all-girls school merges with Meibi High, a very elite all-boys school. Hanabi, a popular tomboy, is the girls' rep on a student council full of hot guys. To her surprise, she starts dating Yasuaki, who seems cold but is actually very nice! True love ain't easy, and now the happy couple has one big problem. Takeru Suno, Hanabi's childhood pal. After ten years away, Take suddenly reappears—and declares war on Yasuaki! Who will Hanabi choose?

CHARACTER

••TAKERU SUNO••
Hanabi's childhood pal. He's lived the past decade in Denmark. Now he's back in Japan saying he "practically raised" Hanabi. He's pushy, cocky—and just as cute as Yasu.

••HANABI OZORA••
The former heroine (?) of an all-girls school. Hates injustice. Loves sports. Can fight like a guy. Her biggest problem? Wa-a-a-ay too much messy hair.

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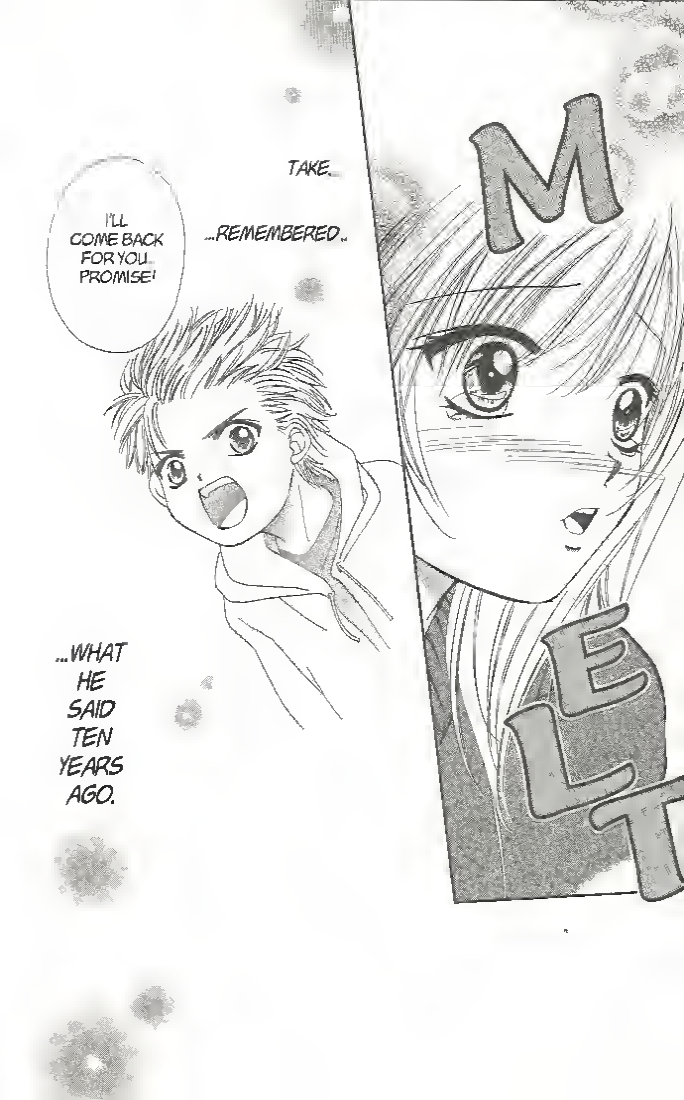
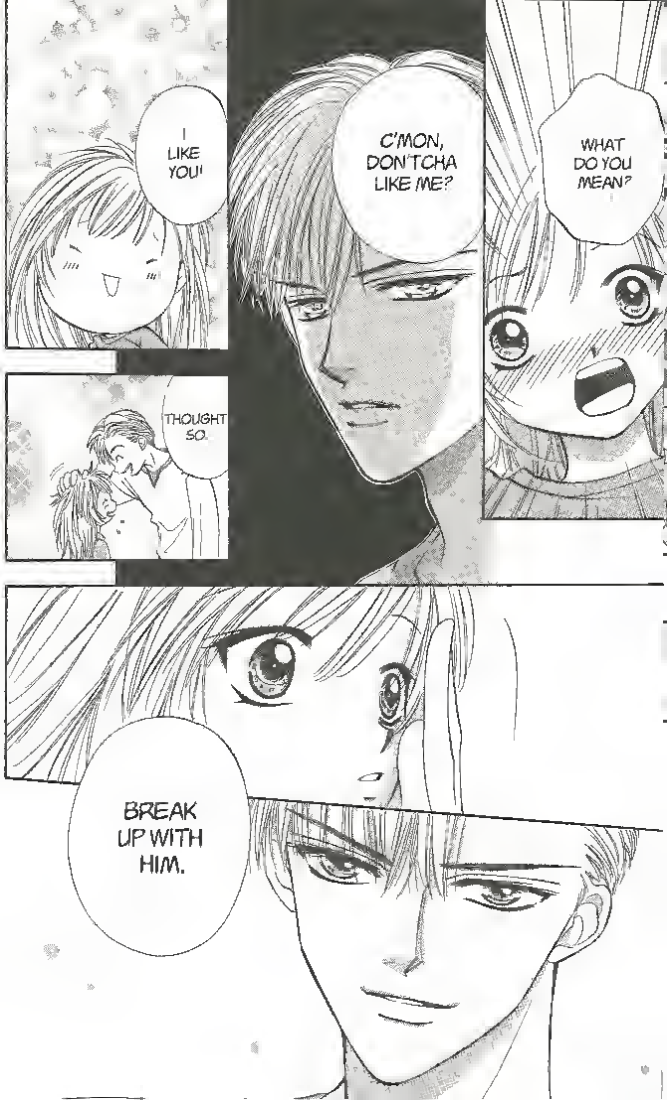
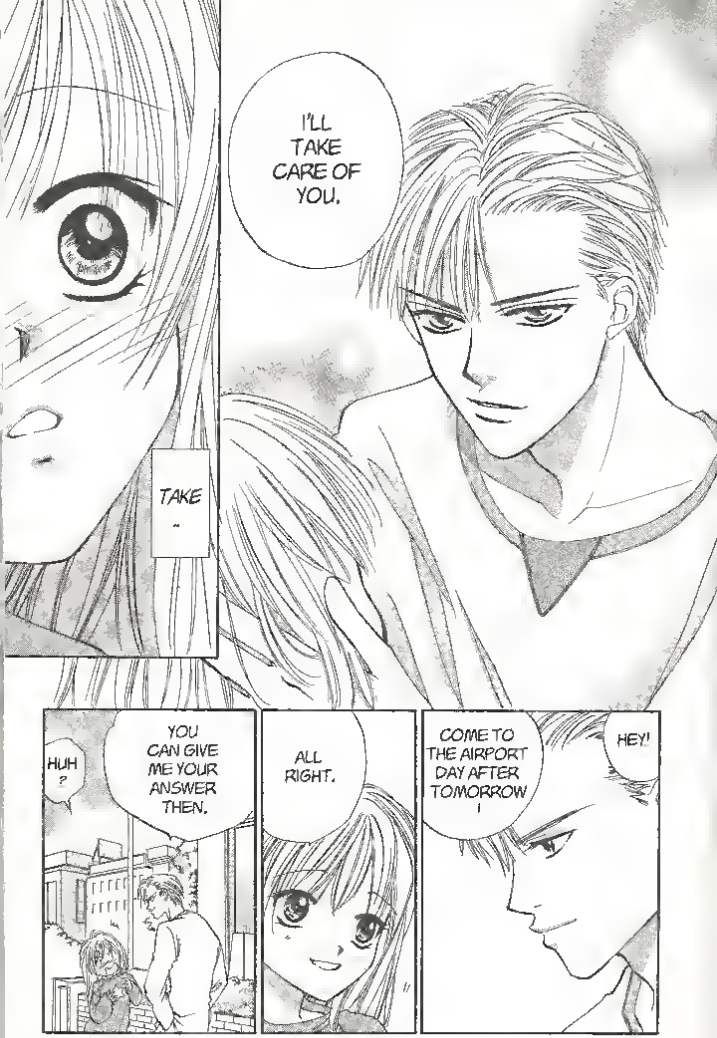

TAKE...
...REMEMBERED...
I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU... PROMISE!
...WHAT HE SAID TEN YEARS AGO.
M
E
L
T

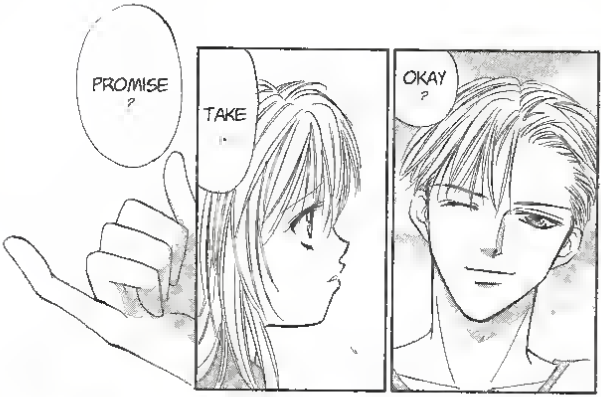
HANABI ...
CLUTCH
SQUEEZE
HUH?
WHATCHA D-D-DOIN'?
UH... TAKE?

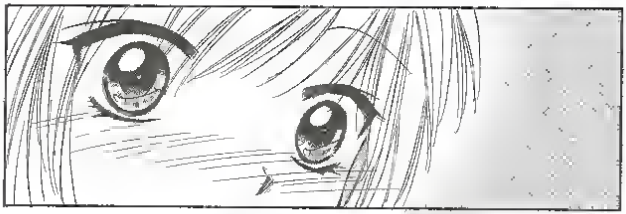
EEEEEEEEK!
THUD THUD THUD THUD
HANABI!
TIME OUT!
SPLASH
WHOOPS!!
KOFF KOFF PTUI
THANKS FOR THE CLOTHES. I'LL RETURN 'EM.
NO RUSH. I'M LEAVING SOON ANYWAY.
THIS REEKS!

A VIRGIN ?
GASP
ARE YOU STILL ..
OH, RIGHT. YOU'RE JUST HERE TO FIND A NEW HOUSE.
HEH HEH
YOUR REACTION SAYS IT ALL.
BUSH!
WHAT KINDA QUESTION IS THAT?
WANNA BECOME A WOMAN RIGHT NOW?
HERE'S MY HOTEL.
NONE OF YOUR BEESWAX !
SO! HAVEN'T GOT BUSY WITH THE BOYFRIEND YET?


I LIKE YOU!
C'MON, DON'TCHA LIKE ME?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THOUGHT SO.
BREAK UP WITH HIM.


I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.
TAKE
HEY!
COME TO THE AIRPORT DAY AFTER TOMORROW !
ALL RIGHT.
YOU CAN GIVE ME YOUR ANSWER THEN.
HUH ?


PROMISE?
TAKE.
OKAY?



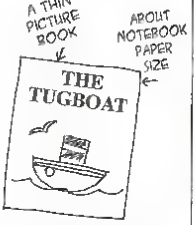
OKAY.
PROMISE.

GREETINGS + THE TUGBOAT

HELLO! I USUALLY PUT PICTURES OR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS HERE. THIS TIME I HAVE A REQUEST!

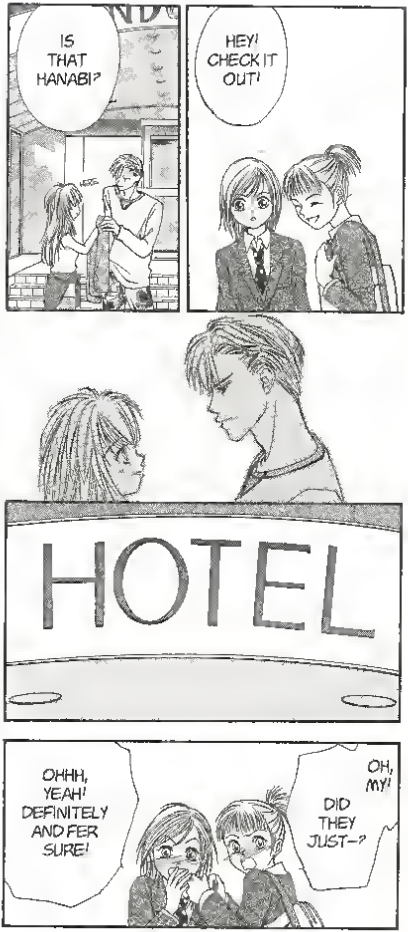
A WHILE BACK, IN ANOTHER MAGAZINE, I WROTE ABOUT MY SEARCH FOR "THE TUGBOAT," A JAPANESE CHILDREN'S BOOK. MANY READERS PROMISED TO LOOK FOR IT. THANKS SO MUCH! UNFORTUNATELY, THAT OLD BOOK IS REALLY HARD TO FIND.

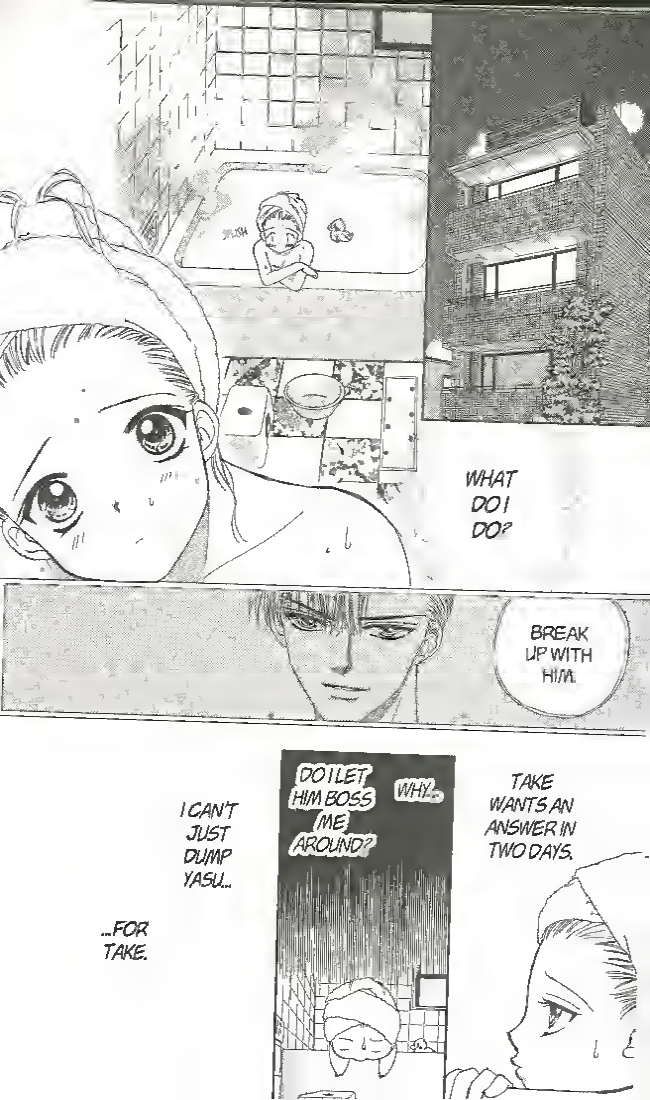
IT HAD A PINK COVER, I THINK...



THE LITTLE TUGBOAT WAS DIRTY BUT WORKED HARD IN THE HARBOR. I WAS ABOUT FIVE WHEN I READ IT. HOPE TO AGAIN SOON!

–RIE TAKADA




SIGH
WHAT DO I DO?
BREAK UP WITH HIM.
I CAN'T JUST DUMP YASU..
...FOR TAKE.
DO I LET HIM BOSS ME AROUND?
WHY...
TAKE WANTS AN ANSWER IN TWO DAYS.

DID YASU REALLY MEAN THAT?
JERK!
THUNK
I'LL DO MY OWN THING, TOO...
...IF YOU'RE NOT AT THE BEACH.
IF HE DID -
..THEN HEY, I'LL CHOOSE TAKE!

CRY BABY HANA!
I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU, PROMISE!
IT'S OKAY, HANABI. YOU CAN CRY NOW.
I CAME BACK FOR YOU.
WHAT...
HANABI...
YASU...

...DO I DO?
MEIBI HIGH
SIGH!
I DIDN'T SLEEP A WINK.
THERE SHE IS!
PSST
I'M IMPRESSED! HANABI GETS AROUND!
PSST PSST
HUH?
SOME THING'S UP.
WHAT'S GOIN' ON?
EEK! SHE'S, LIKE, ALL WORN OUT!
HOLA!
EWWWWW!

WHAT ?
TSK, TSK! OUR STUDENT COUNCIL V.P. PLAYED HOOKY TO GET NOOKIE...
WITH THAT HOTTIE AT THE HOTEL!
FLING ?
HEARD ABOUT YOUR LITTLE FLING YESTERDAY, HANABI!
WHAT FLING?
SO WHO'S PRINCE CHARMING ?
WAIT A..
HEARD HE'S REAL YUMMY!
HEY! YOU YASU'S CHICK?
CHEATING IS SO LOW, GIRL.
I DID NOT GO TO A HOTEL!
YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG! THAT GUY WAS..
DID SO! SOME GIRLS SAW YOU!

HANABI'S OLD FRIEND.
SHE WAS SHOWING HIM AROUND TOWN.
SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
YASU!
YASUAKI
UH
ONLY TO PUNCH OUT SOME-BODY!
YEAH! HANABI WOULDN'T SKIP SCHOOL TO FOOL AROUND!
GIGGLE
JUST ANOTHER STUPID RUMOR
CHILL, MAN! YASU KNEW!
OLD FRIEND, HUH?

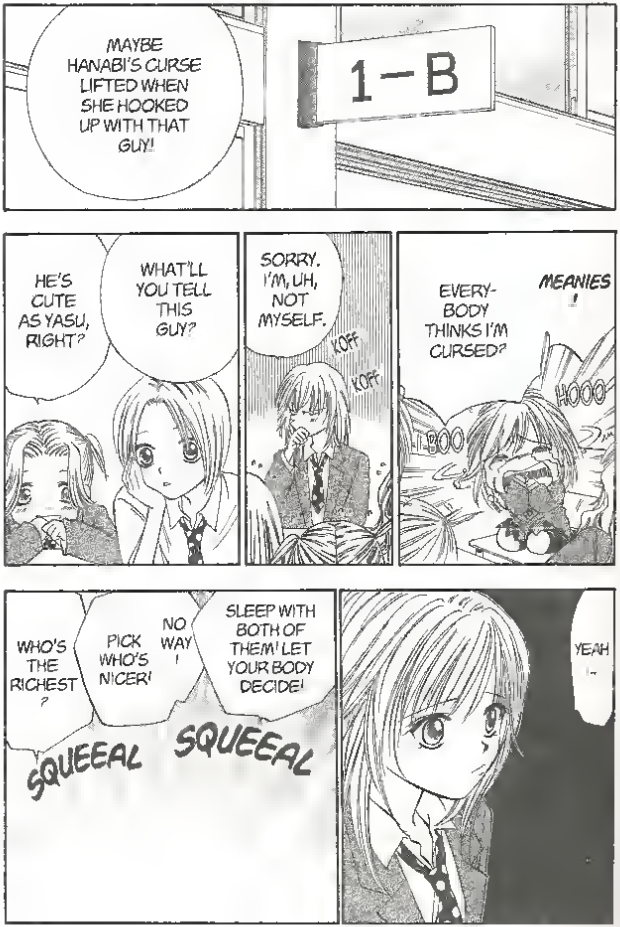
UH, THANKS FOR STICKIN' UP FOR...
HEH
YASU?
YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER, HANABI. YOU'RE IN STUDENT COUNCIL.
YOU THINK DITCHING SCHOOL TO GO ON A DATE IS OKAY?
HUH?

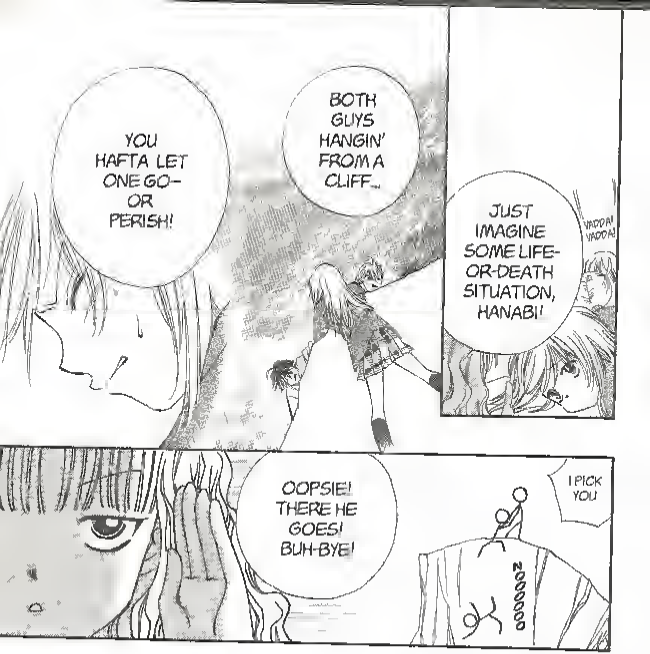
GO TO A HOTEL WITH WHOEVER YOU WANT.
JUST DON'T EXPECT ME TO MOP UP THE MESS.
HOPE YOU TWO ARE ECSTATIC.
I'VE WASHED MY HANDS OF IT.

HUH?
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF

HEY!
...
TWACK
BAMM
HANABI !
TP
TP

WHAT'S WITH ME?
I NEVER RUN OFF CRYING LIKE THAT!
GET A GRIP, GIRL!
FORGET ABOUT YASU!
SOBBB
WHAT A BIG BLUBBERIN' BABY I AM!
SLAP
SLAP
STING
OWWW-WWW...
THIS...
SUCKS!


MAYBE HANABI'S CURSE LIFTED WHEN SHE HOOKED UP WITH THAT GUY!
1-B
HE'S CUTE AS YASU, RIGHT?
WHAT'LL YOU TELL THIS GUY?
SORRY. I'M, UH, NOT MYSELF.
KOFF
KOFF
EVERY-BODY THINKS I'M CURSED?
MEANIES!
BOOO
HOOO
WHO'S THE RICHEST?
PICK WHO'S NICER!
NO WAY!
SLEEP WITH BOTH OF THEM! LET YOUR BODY DECIDE!
SQUEEAL
SQUEEAL
YEAH~

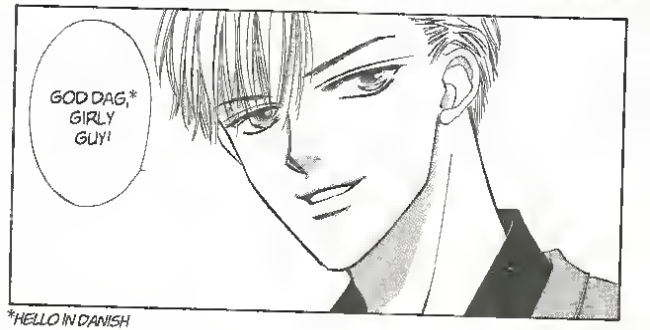

YOU HAFTA LET ONE GO– OR PERISH!
BOTH GUYS HANGIN' FROM A CLIFF...
JUST IMAGINE SOME LIFE-OR-DEATH SITUATION, HANABI!
HMMM HMMM
OOPSIE! THERE HE GOES! BUH-BYE!
I PICK YOU
2000000

I'VE DECIDED.
Perfect!
Yeah!
Good one!

...CHOOSE TAKE.
I...
I HATE HIM!
WHO CARES WHAT HE THINKS?
...AND HIS NASTY COMMENTS
ENOUGH OF YASU ...
REALLY ?

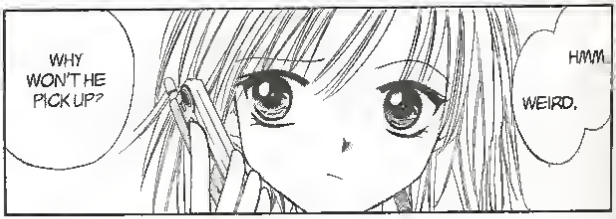
TAKE'S A REAL SWEETIE.
HE'S PUSHY... BUT HE'LL PROTECT ME.
I FEEL SAFE WITH HIM.
PLUS...
I CAME BACK FOR YOU, HANA...
HE CAME BACK FOR ME AFTER TEN WHOLE YEARS.
I OWE HIM BIG TIME.

I'M NOT GONNA STRESS OVER THIS.
MY GUT SAYS TAKE, HEE!
YUP.
YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, HANABI?
HASTA LA VISTA, YASU!
GRAND HOTEL



*HELLO IN DANISH

I WAS HOPING YOU'D SHOW.
TAKE, MY MAN...


HMM. WEIRD.
WHY WON'T HE PICK UP?

I WANNA TELL YOU MY ANSWER.
WHERE ARE YOU, TAKE?

TWO YOUNG GUYS!
RAN OFF WHEN THE COPS CAME.
IN BROAD DAY-LIGHT?
BIG FIGHT!
OMIGOSH! THAT'S TAKE'S SHIRT!

BUMP
NO!
SKID
Hey! Your bag!
TAKE AND YASU FOUGHT ?
NO-O-O-O-O!

HAPPY
HUSTL
HIGH

TAKE AND YASU?
SCREECH
NO! IT CAN'T BE!
PUF
PUF
PUF
TAKE AND YASU FOUGHT!
WATCH IT, KID!
PUF
PUF

PUF
PUF
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PUF
PLEASE BE OKAY!

YASU
!!!
PUF
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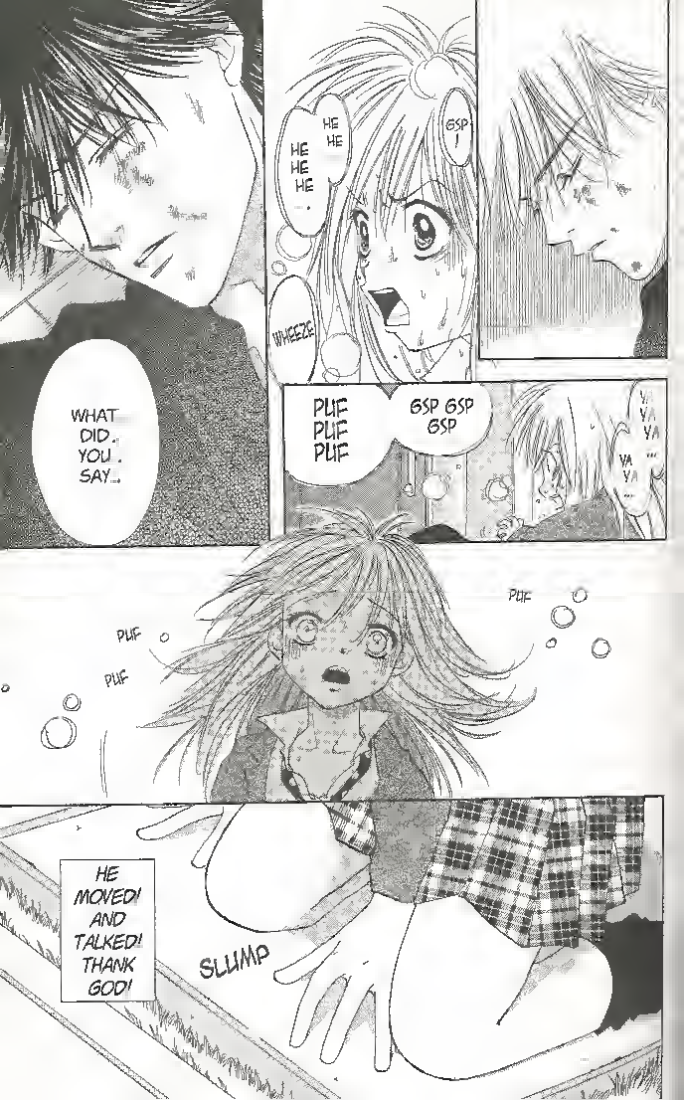
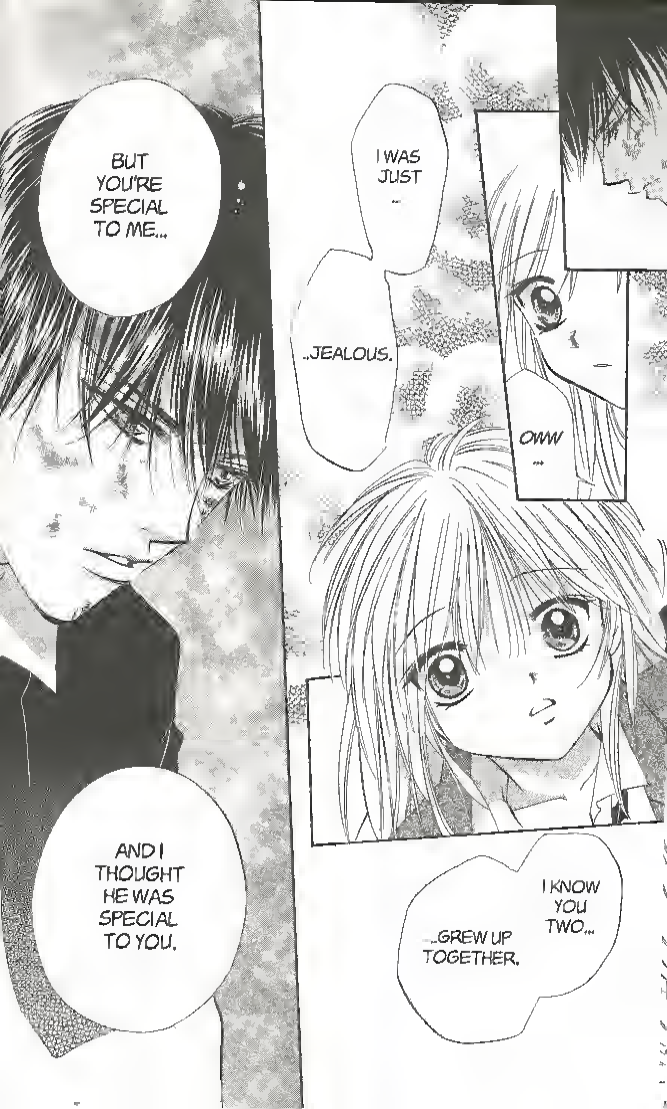

WHAT DID. YOU. SAY...
WHEEZE!
HE HE HE HE.
GSP!
PUF PUF PUF
GSP GSP GSP
YA YA YA...
YA YA...
PUF
PUF
PUF
HE MOVED! AND TALKED! THANK GOD!
SLUMP

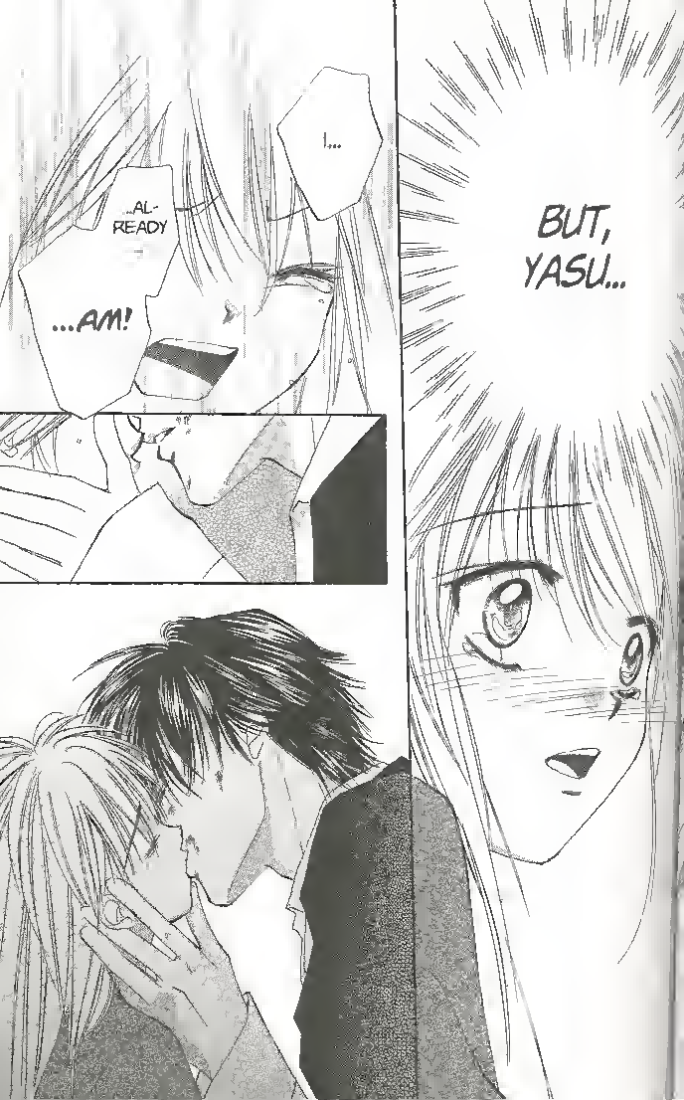
I JUST DECIDED TO DATE TAKE!
BUT WHY AM I HERE?
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, IDIOT!
WHY ARE YOU HERE ANYWAY?
PUF
PUF

WHY, YASU?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO FIGHT TAKE!
DO YOU REALLY CARE WHAT I DO?
BUT IT'S...
DON'T YELL...
Too loud..
I REALLY CARE ABOUT.
YASU...
GET IN THE HOUSE.
THE COPS ARE AROUND.


BUT YOU'RE SPECIAL TO ME...
AND I THOUGHT HE WAS SPECIAL TO YOU.
I WAS JUST ...
..JEALOUS.
OWW ...
I KNOW YOU TWO...
...GREW UP TOGETHER.

YOU'RE SPECIAL TO ME, HANABI.
YOU TWO ACT SO ALIKE!
YOU EVEN TALK ALIKE!
THAT PISSED ME OFF.
I WANT YOU TO BE...

MINE.
AND NOBODY ELSE'S.


BUT, YASU...
I...
...AL-READY
...AM!

BUT I JUST CAN'T CARE FOR YOU...
I'M SORRY, TAKE.
YOU WORRIED ABOUT ME...
BECAUSE I CARE FOR YASU.
...ALL THOSE YEARS.

NAH
WANNA GO TO THE HOSPITAL?
I DON'T WANNA... LEAVE YOU.
CAN I TAKE CARE OF YOU TONIGHT?
UH, YASU?
BLUSH
THAT REMARK WAS SO NOT ME.
I-I'VE DECIDED. I'LL STAY.
STOMP

GASP
EEEK!
HEY! WHERE'S MY BAG?
I'M GONNA SHOWER!
YASU!
SHEESH
I SAID THAT WITH THIS HAIR?
So sad
AHH! MY SPECIAL-TY!
HEH
Maybe pigs do fly
AMAZING! I'M COOKING FOR A GUY!
PLE-E-E-EASE DON'T FORCE YOURSELF, YASU!
YOU MIGHT HURL!
PUKE
YUCKKK!

HE'S LEAVING TOMORROW, RIGHT?
LISTEN, BUSTER!! I SAID DON'T FORCE YOURSELF!
PLOP
FOR-GET THAT.
KLAK
YOU SHOULD GO HOME
BUT...
IT'S OKAY. GO.
HE SAID YOU WERE GOING TO THE AIRPORT.
OH.
OKAY, I PROMISE.
PROMISE?
GIVE ME YOUR ANSWER THEN.

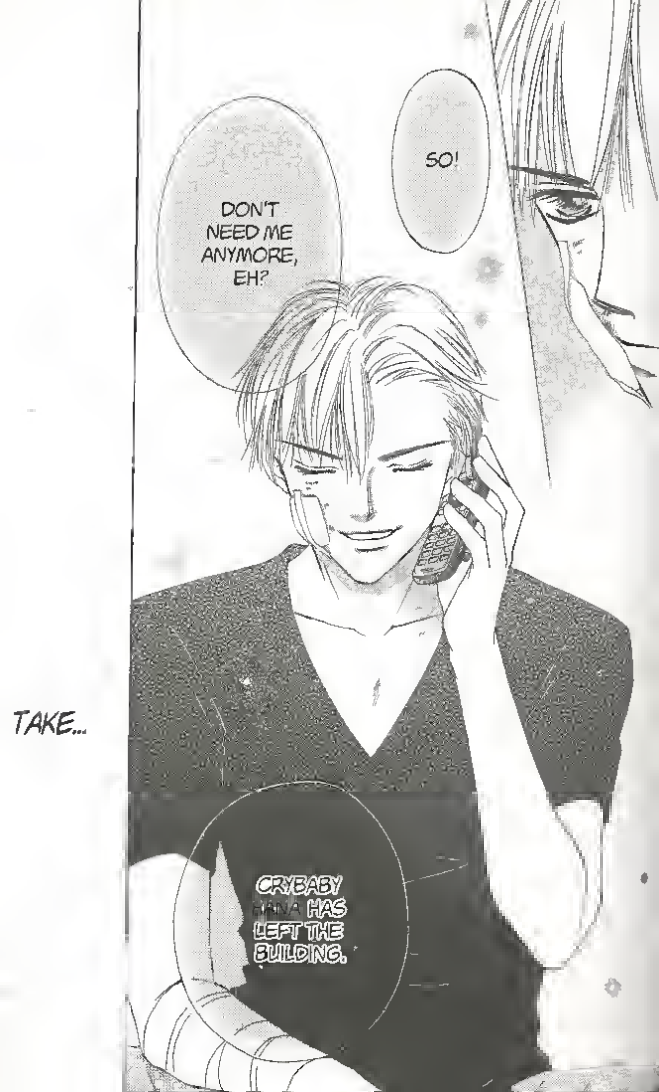
YASU..
I WAS JEALOUS
BUT I DON'T WANNA BE A CONTROL FREAK.
New Tokyo International Airport
NARITA TERMINAL 1
YOU EMBARRASS ME, TAKE!
FIGHTING AT YOUR AGE!

HELLO ?
BRRRRR
DOMI
UH, TAKE?
WHERE THE HECK ARE YOU?
HEY, HANABI!

I...CAN'T MAKE IT. SORRY.
I KEPT MY PROMISE AFTER TEN YEARS!
YOU MADE YOURS TWO DAYS AGO!
I...I CAN'T LEAVE YASU.
THAT SUCKS
SO YOU CHOSE HIM, EH?
I REALLY LIKE YOU, TAKE.
BUT MY FEELINGS FOR YOU ARE DIFFERENT ...
...FROM MY FEELINGS FOR HIM.

I JUST ...
I KNOW I'M ROWDY ...
BUT I'M KINDA LIKING THAT PART OF ME.
SPARE ME THE GORY DETAILS
JUST DON'T COME CRYIN' LATER.
I FEEL SO COMFORT-ABLE WITH YOU.
I'M SCARED I'LL BE CRYBABY HANA AGAIN.
...LOVE YASU SO MUCH.
I CAN'T EVEN EXPLAIN WHY.
IT'S LIKE YOU SAID, TAKE.
IF YOU JUST TRY SOME-THING...
...YOU MIGHT ACTUALLY HAVE FUN!

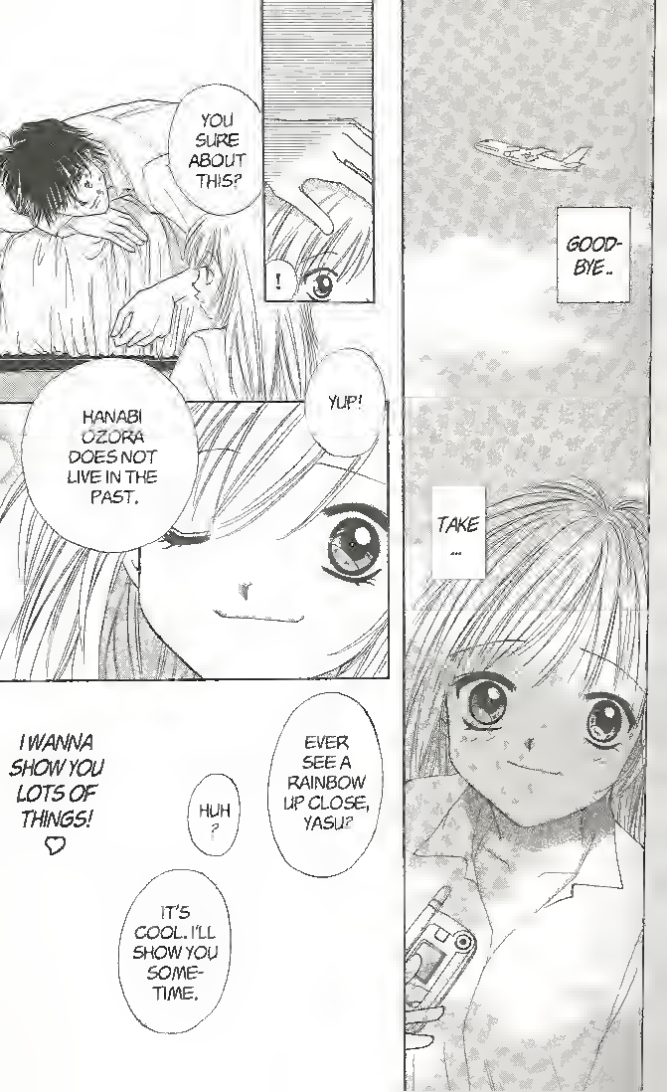
THANK YOU, TAKE.
I LIKE WHO I AM NOW.
MY LIFE WOULD BE A REAL DRAG...
...IF I WAS STILL A SCAREDY-CAT.


SO!
DON'T NEED ME ANYMORE, EH?
TAKE...
CRYBABY HANA HAS LEFT THE BUILDING.

TAKE!
C'MON, HANA!
YOU'RE ALMOST HERE!
LOOK! HERE'S YOUR REWARD!
THIS IS YOUR FINAL EXAM!
OOOF
GRUNT
SEE! YOU CAN IF YOU TRY!

COOL, HUH?
IF YOU NEVER CLIMBED THAT MOUNTAIN ..
...YOU'D NEVER SEE THIS!
WOW...

HANABI
NO TIME FOR TEARS.
THANKS FOR.. EVERYTHING, TAKE.
LOTS OF GREAT STUFF IS OUT THERE...
...IF YOU JUST FIND THE GUTS TO TRY.

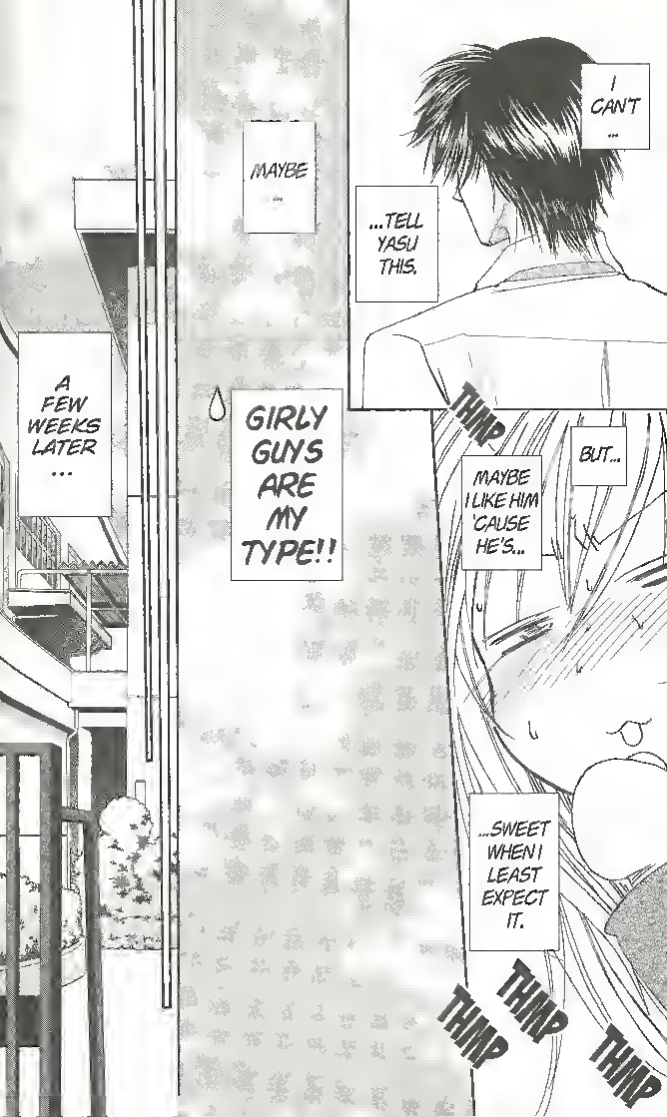

YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
!
HANABI OZORA DOES NOT LIVE IN THE PAST.
YUP!
GOOD-BYE..
TAKE ...
EVER SEE A RAINBOW UP CLOSE, YASU?
HUH ?
IT'S COOL. I'LL SHOW YOU SOME-TIME.
I WANNA SHOW YOU LOTS OF THINGS! ♡

!!
And so...
THAT'S HOW I BECAME ME!
A TEACHER CALLED ME MISS KABUKI- SO I KICKED HER ASS!
HOO, BOY...
WE DUKED IT OUT!
YUP!
HEY! YOU TWO MADE UP ALREADY?
See Yasu's face?
TAKE IS SO SWEET AND SO HOT!
WHY DO I LIKE YASU?
LOVE IS SUCH A MYSTERY ...
Smart
GrASP
Heh

WHY CAN'T YASU SAY SWEET THINGS?
WHY ARE YOU STARING AT ME?
BUT MAYBE IT'S NOT ABOUT...
...SWEET OR HOT.
Wow! That actually sounds mature!
NO WAY.
He said that?
TAKE DID. HE SAID-
"BREAK UP WITH YASU. I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU."
WHAT?
WELL HOW WOULD YOU WOO A GIRL?
BRING HER FLOWERS?
TSK! CALL THAT SWEET TALKING?
Hi, Yoshi
DIDJA REALLY FREAK, HANABI?
IMPRESSIVE! YOUR FRIEND SOUNDS COOL.
KLAK

MY PETUNIA'S RIGHT HERE.
?
I DON'T NEED FLOWERS.
OH?
AND BESIDES ...
MY HEART'S BEEN IN FULL BLOOM SINCE WE MET.
GRIN
JAR

MY BROTHERS KNOW LOTS OF PICK-UP LINES.
THAT OL' GARAKU STYLE! AWE-SOME!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
Takuya smiles
FLUTTER FLUTTER FLUTTER
THMP THMP THMP THMP THMP THMP
!!
WHAT'S WITH ME?
PANT PANT PANT PANT PANT
QUIVER
CAN HE HEAR THIS RACKET?
YIKES!
THROB THROB THROB THROB THROB THROB


I CAN'T ...
...TELL YASU THIS.
MAYBE ...
THMP
MAYBE I LIKE HIM 'CAUSE HE'S...
BUT...
...SWEET WHEN I LEAST EXPECT IT.
THMP
THMP
THMP
GIRLY GUYS ARE MY TYPE!!
A FEW WEEKS LATER ...

BACK TO SOLVE YOUR LITTLE PROBLEMS..
YO! I'M BACK FOR GOOD NOW!
TAKE !!!
THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET INTEREST-ING...
JUST YOU WAIT, DUDE!
My! Such emotion!
NUZZLE
LOOK, YASU! A NEW RIVAL!
Who is he?
HUH?
HMPH!
Happy Hustle High!

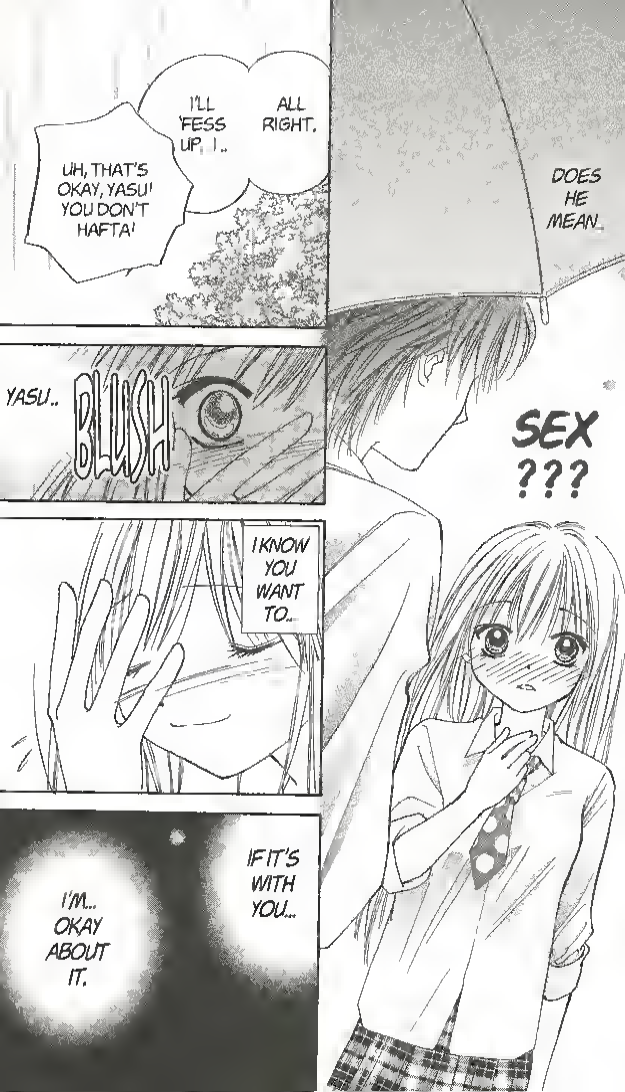
DRIZZLE
DRIZZLE
DRIZZLE
DRIZZLE
DAMN RAIN!
MY HAIR'S GONNA EXPLODE NOW!

I WANNA STAY HOME!
SPRITZ
I HATE RAINY DAYS!
CLANK
THIS SUPER-STIFF SPRAY ...
...WILL POOP OUT IN NO TIME.
POOF
SNIP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

SCREW RAIN! I'D BRAVE A HURRICANE TO SEE YASU...
HEY!
YOU USUALLY DON'T COME THIS WAY.
SKIP SURFING THIS MORNING ?
YEAH.
GROPE
?
GRAB
EEEK !

WHA..
WHAT WAS THAT?
YOU'RE SPECIAL TO ME..
YASU'S BEEN WEIRD SINCE HE SAID THAT
HE STARES AT ME.
Now he just felt me up!
HEY, HANABI!
WANNA GO ON A DATE SUNDAY?
A D-D-DATE?
WHY SO SHOCKED?

BUT THIS IS SO.. SUDDEN.
WE HAVEN'T BEEN ON A REAL DATE YET.
HUH?
I THOUGHT ...
UH... WELL..
WE COULD JUST KINDA, UH, EASE INTO...


ALL RIGHT.
I'LL 'FESS UP, I..
UH, THAT'S OKAY, YASU! YOU DON'T HAFTA!
DOES HE MEAN..
SEX ???
YASU..
BLUSH
I KNOW YOU WANT TO..
IF IT'S WITH YOU...
I'M... OKAY ABOUT IT.

SOUTH KOREA AND MY MOM

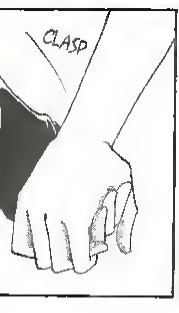
WHEN I WENT TO MY MOM'S RECENTLY, I WAS SURPRISED HOW MUCH HAS CHANGED. SHE HAS TONS OF SOUTH KOREAN STUFF NOW: POSTERS, DVDS, AND CDS OF POPULAR MALE STARS. "WHAT'S UP, MOM?" I ASKED. SHE REPLIED, "OH, RIE, AHN-NYUNG HA-SEH-YO!" MOM JUST ADORES RYU ♥ SIWON! ♥ ♥ ♥ SHE PLAYS HIS CDS AND POINTS OUT HIS PICTURE IN MAGAZINES. "ISN'T HE HANDSOME?" SHE'LL SAY. SHE'S JUST LIKE A TEENAGER! SEEING HER FACE LIGHT UP MADE ME THINK ABOUT MY SHOJO MANGA. THE POWER OF LOVE TRULY *IS* AMAZING.

BY THE WAY, THE FIRST KOREAN WORD I EVER LEARNED WAS "OPPA" ("DAD").

DRIZZLE
NIHONSAKA
PITTER
PATTER
SORRY! BEEN WAITING LONG?
CLANK
CLANK
?
WHEW
What a babe!
HEY, YASU!
CLANK

A THEME PARK, SILLY!
WHERE DO YOU THINK WE'RE GOING?
I HAVE NO CHOICE!
...AND A BLOW DRYER.
SUPER-STIFF GEL, SUPER-STIFF SPRAY...
GOT EVERY-THING I NEED...
POWAR
YOUR BAGS SO
NO PROB. IT'LL GET LIGHTER.
I WILL NOT HAVE HORROR HAIR!
IT'S OUR FIRST REAL DATE..
..AND OUR ANNIVERSARY.

YIPPEE! WE'RE HERE!
Welcome Lovely Land
BIG CROWD EVEN IN THIS RAIN!


CLASP

WHAT ARE THE SHOW-TIMES?
LET'S PLAN OUR DAY.
CRINKLE

HURRY, HURRY!
I WANNA RIDE RIDES AND SEE SHOWS!

THIS ACTUALLY FEELS LIKE A DATE!
THIS WAY.
BEAM
THANKS FOR WAITING!
DAMN HAIR! WE WERE HOLDIN' HANDS AND EVERYTHING!
PRIMP
JUST A SEC, OKAY?
UHHHH

UH, POTTY BREAK!
THANKS FOR WAITING
THIS IS SO FUN!
GOTTA PEE!
THANKS FOR WAITING
I need a volunteer!
ME, ME!
OVER HERE
BE RIGHT BACK!
THANKS FOR WAITING
I THOUGHT YASU HATED STUFF LIKE THIS...
BUT EVEN WAITING IN LINE IS COOL!
WAIT TIME 15 Q
I'LL BE BACK!
SORRY
...

EXCEPT FOR THE DUMB WEATHER
YOOHOO!
WAIT FOR ME, OKAY?
THIS IS GOIN' GREAT! ♡
CLOONK
HAIR volume down
...
OH, NO! MY HAIR'S BEEN GUZZLING THIS GUNK!
WHAT'LL I DO? I CAN'T RUN OUT BEFORE WE LEAVE!

I better hurry
THANKS FOR WAITING!
I HAFTA MAKE OUR DATE PERFECT BEFORE MY GUNK IS GONE!
HARD
...UNTIL NOW.
EVERY-THING'S GONE SO-O-O WELL...
BOOM BOOM BOOM
W-WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
GREAT FIRST DATE, YASU!
SHOULD WE JUST GO HOME?
I FEEL... JUST FINE!
NO WAY!
HANABI?
ARE YOU, UH, SICK?
GULP

C'MON! SPIT IT OUT.
NOT A THING!
SQUIRM
YOU'VE BEEN WEIRD ALL DAY.
WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?
REALLY?
THEN YOU WANNA, UH, DO SOMETHING AFTER, RIGHT?
YOU UP FOR ONE LAST RIDE?
EVERY-THING'S FINE!
WE'LL GO ON ANOTHER RIDE...
...THEN GO HOME.
OKAY, HANABI.
I CAN DO THAT REAL QUICK ANY-WHERE.
NOT REALLY
WHAAT?

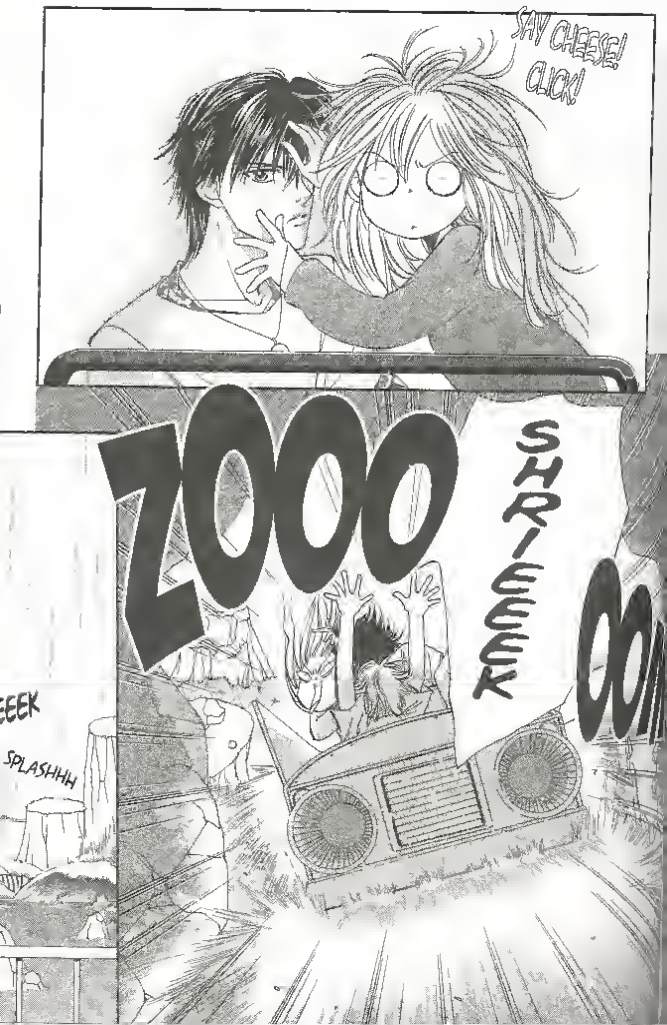
BUT I CAN'T TELL HIM ABOUT MY HAIR!
GREAT. NOW HE'S ALL UPSET.
WHAT RIDE?
FLUSH
NOPE
YOU MAD AT ME?
WE HAVEN'T BEEN ON IT YET.
THIS ONE?
PAINFUL SILENCE
OKAY.

CURL
HUH?
POOF
WE WERE HAVING SO MUCH FUN...
PLEASE LOWER YOUR SAFETY BARS.
NOW MY FRIGGIN' FRIZZ...
WHAT?
I JUST FIXED MY HAIR!
WHY'S IT POOFING?
...IS COMING BETWEEN US!
I HATE THIS MOP!
YANK YANK
KACHUNK
TO THE VERY DEPTHS OF THE EARTH!
WE WILL NOW TRAVEL BY WATER...

AW, SHOOT!
OUR SEARCH PARTY WILL DRILL DOWN.
AN INDOOR BOAT RIDE...
...STRAIGHT TO HAIRDO HELL!!
ROGER THAT. GOOD LUCK!
EEK
WHAT'S WRONG?
POOOOOF
EEEEEEEK

THIS IS SCARY ?
NEED HAIR GUNK !
RATTLE
?
I'M SO-O-O SCARED !
NEED HAIR GUNK!
DAMN !
HANABI ?
DIG
DIG
DIG
SCREEECH
EEEEEEK
THUNKKK
!!
SEARCH TEAM, VERIFY STATUS!
ACKKK !
HARD
I HID MY HAIR ALL DAY...
I CAN'T MESS UP NOW!
SPLASH
OH, NO! WE'VE DUG TOO DEEP!

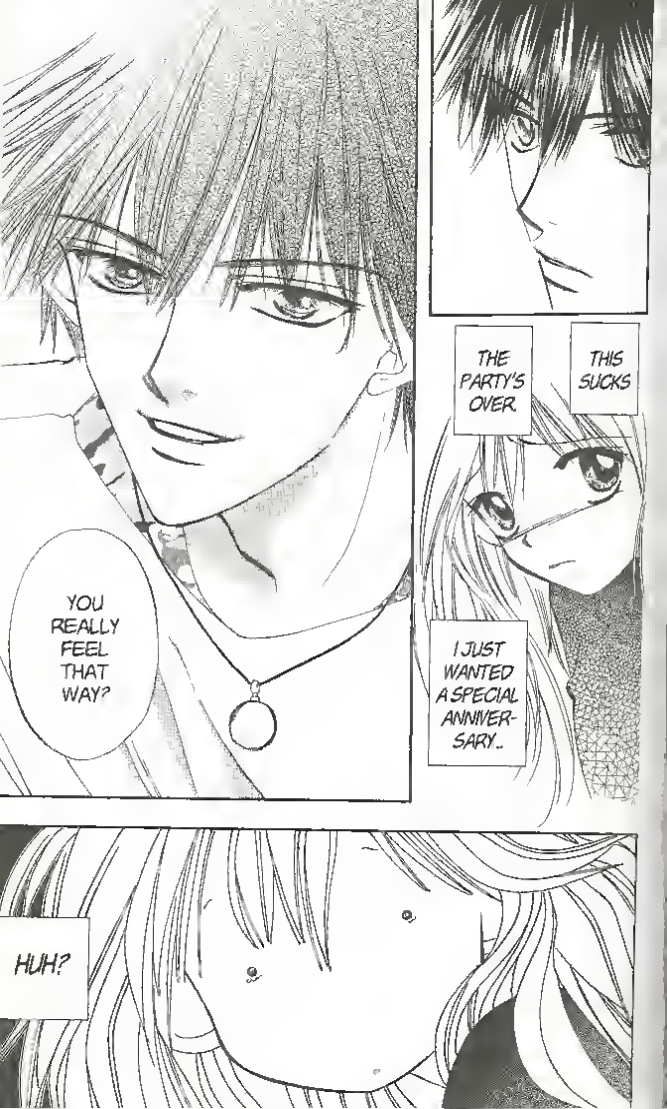
DON'T LOOK AT ME!

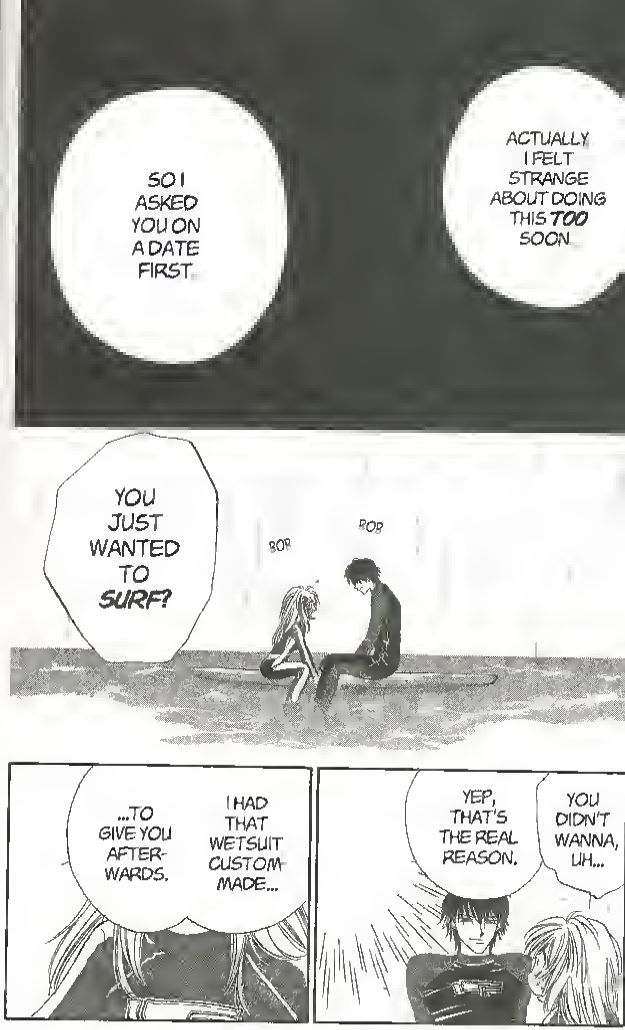

SAY CHEESE!
CLICK!
ZOOO
SHRIEEEK
EEEK
SPLASHHH

GASP
IT'S OVER
HANAE
SNORT
CHECK OUT HER HAIR!
SUPER-FREAKY!
WHOA!
HA HA
HEE HEE
A – 2
A – 5
YOOHOO! ANYBODY LOSE THEIR HAIRSPRAY?

YOUR HAIR..
SHE'S BEEN FIXING IT ALL DAY!
NOOOO-OOOOW YOU'VE SEEN IT.
WHY...
HUMIDITY MAKES MY HAIR BLOW UP.
I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO SEE.
BUT WHY HIDE IT?
'CAUSE IT'S UGLY!

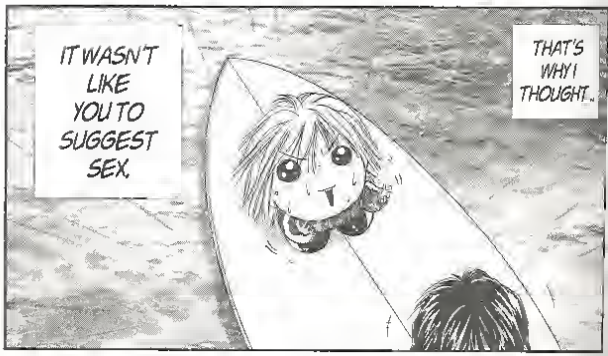
...IS JUST A DATE, HANABI.
OUR ANNIVERSARY...
OUR ANNIVERSARY SHOULD BE SPECIAL.
I PERSONALLY FEEL VERY DEPRESSED ...
...MUST BE A MAJOR TURN-OFF.
SEEING ME LIKE THIS...
I'M NO STRAY CAT.
I'M NOT DOIN' IT IN THE WEEDS SOME-WHERE!
AND BY THE WAY..
?
OUR FIRST TIME ISN'T IMPORTANT TO YOU?
YOU INSENSITIVE JERK!
I HATE GETTING MY HAIR MESSED UP!
NOT INTER-ESTED.
I DON'T WANNA, OKAY ?
No way!
They're doin it?

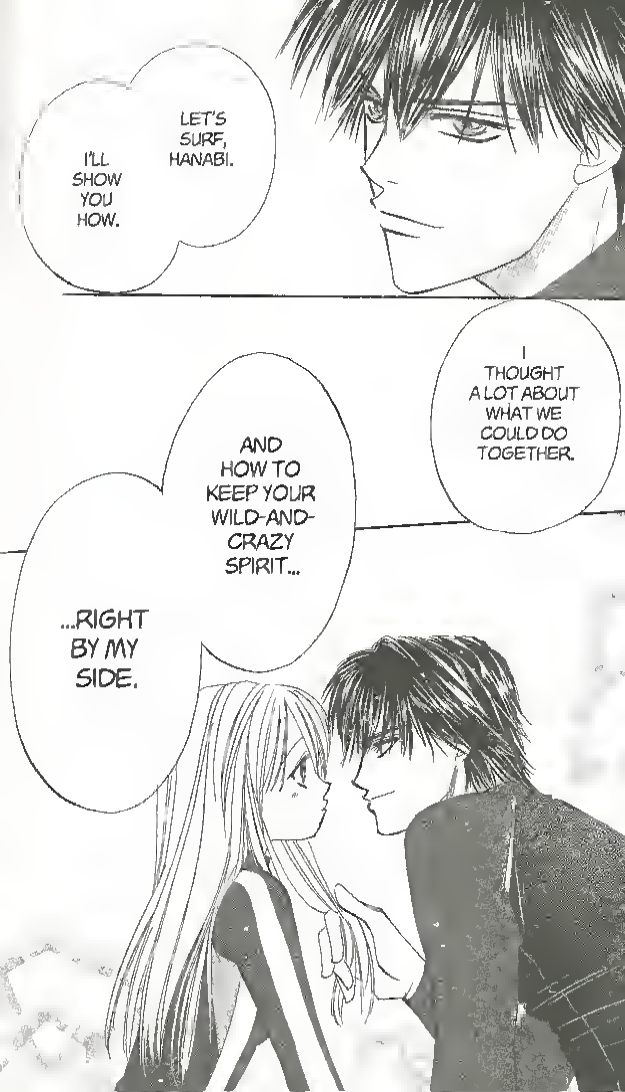

THIS SUCKS
THE PARTY'S OVER.
I JUST WANTED A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY..
YOU REALLY FEEL THAT WAY?
HUH?


SO I ASKED YOU ON A DATE FIRST.
ACTUALLY, I FELT STRANGE ABOUT DOING THIS TOO SOON.
YOU JUST WANTED TO SURF?
BOB
BOB
...TO GIVE YOU AFTER-WARDS.
I HAD THAT WETSUIT CUSTOM-MADE...
YEP, THAT'S THE REAL REASON.
YOU DIDN'T WANNA, UH...

NO HAIR WORRIES NOW, HUH?
Ha ha ha ha
Ha ha.. ha..
HMM
SPLASH!!
SO THAT'S WHY HE GROPED ME!
IT FITS PERFECTLY.

Something like this happened before, didn't it?
WHY DID I FUSS WITH MY HAIR SO MUCH?


IT WASN'T LIKE YOU TO SUGGEST SEX.
THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT..


LET'S SURF, HANABI.
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW.
I THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT WHAT WE COULD DO TOGETHER.
AND HOW TO KEEP YOUR WILD-AND-CRAZY SPIRIT...
...RIGHT BY MY SIDE.

OUT HERE, WE CAN FORGET THE WORLD...
MAYBE TODAY'S THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR COMMIT-MENT...
GET REAL.
WHAT? YOU WANT A QUICKIE NOW?
THINGS FEEL... DIFFERENT NOW.

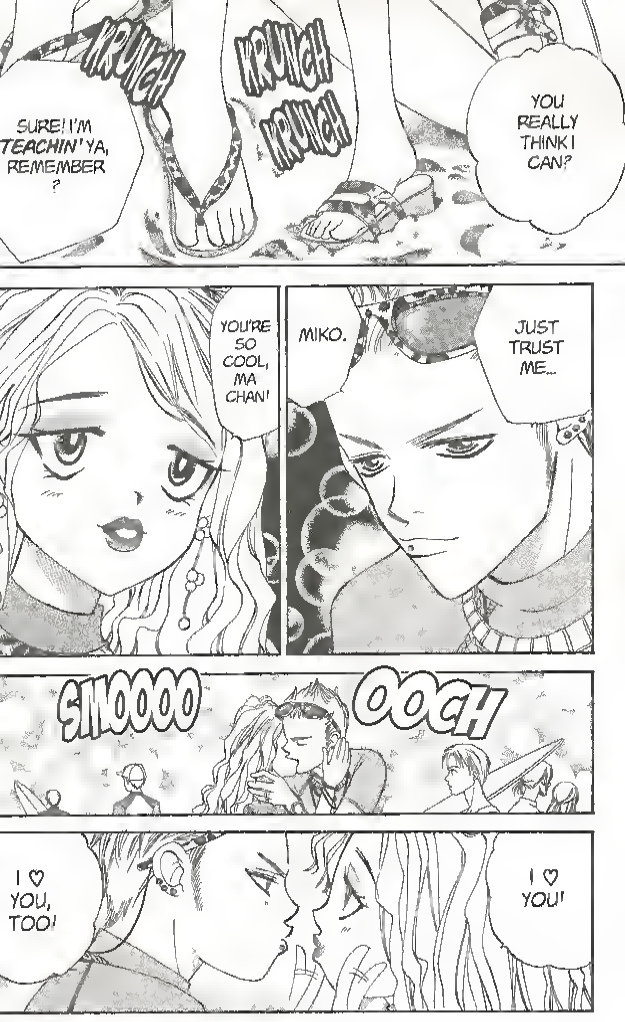
HAPPY HUSTLE HIGH

MY FIRST GIFT FROM MY BOYFRIEND WAS A WETSUIT.
MY SECOND WAS HIS OLD SURFBOARD.
AND MY THIRD GIFT...

SPLISH SPLASH SPLISH
THIS IS CALLED PADDLING
PADDLE, PADDLE, PADDLE, PADDLE...
KEEP PADDLING
NOPE, NOT YET!
TA DA!
TAKE OFF
BUT I WANNA SURF ALREADY ...
I TOTALLY GOT IT DOWN! ♡

...AN IMPORTANT PART OF SURFING.
...AND PADDLE!
WATCH WAVES...
PUSH
FLASH!
BUT PADDLING IS...
BUT ALL WE EVER DO IS...
I'M LEARNING HOW TO SURF!
LOOK! YASU'S TEACHIN' A CHICK TO SURF!
I KNOW, BUT...
HEY! FOCUS ON ME!
GRABB
GIGGLE
OUR YASU HAS A GIRL?
AMAZ-ING!
SO IT'S TRUE! HE HAS A LADY!
SHE'S CUTE, TOO!

PADDLE!
POUT
SPLASH
SPLASH
DON'T BUG US, OKAY? WE'RE PRACTICING.
YO, YASU! WHO LIKED WHO FIRST?
HOW'D YOU HOOK UP?
GET THE 4-1-1
YASU PROBABLY LIKED HER FIRST.
MOST GUYS WOULDN'T TEACH A GIRL SURFING.
HEH HEH.
HANABI'S STILL A NEWBIE.
THOUGH IT IS PRETTY RISKY AT FIRST...
I THOUGHT I'D BE DOING THIS...
YOU SAID WE'D SURF TOGETHER!
Yip-pee!
BUT I'M NOT ALLOWED...
...TO RIDE ANY WAVES.
...OR SAY I'M YOUR GIRLFRIEND!
Take off.

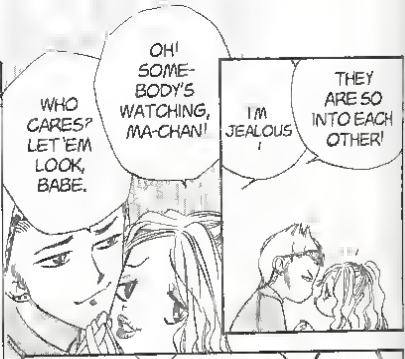

KRUNCH
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
SURE! I'M TEACHIN' YA, REMEMBER?
YOU REALLY THINK I CAN?
YOU'RE SO COOL, MA CHAN!
MIKO.
JUST TRUST ME...
SIIOOOO
OOCH
I ♡ YOU, TOO!
I ♡ YOU!

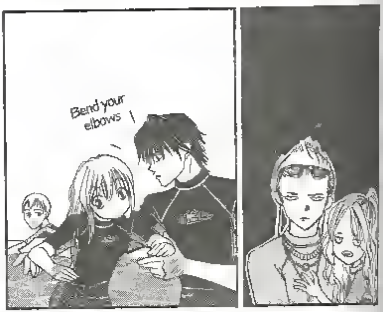
VIDEO GAMES

A FEW YEARS AGO, MY HEALTH WAS POOR AND MY ADORABLE DOG MOMON WAS GETTING OLDER SO I STOPPED TRAVELING SO MUCH, STARTED PLAYING RPGS—AND GOT MYSELF HOOKED!

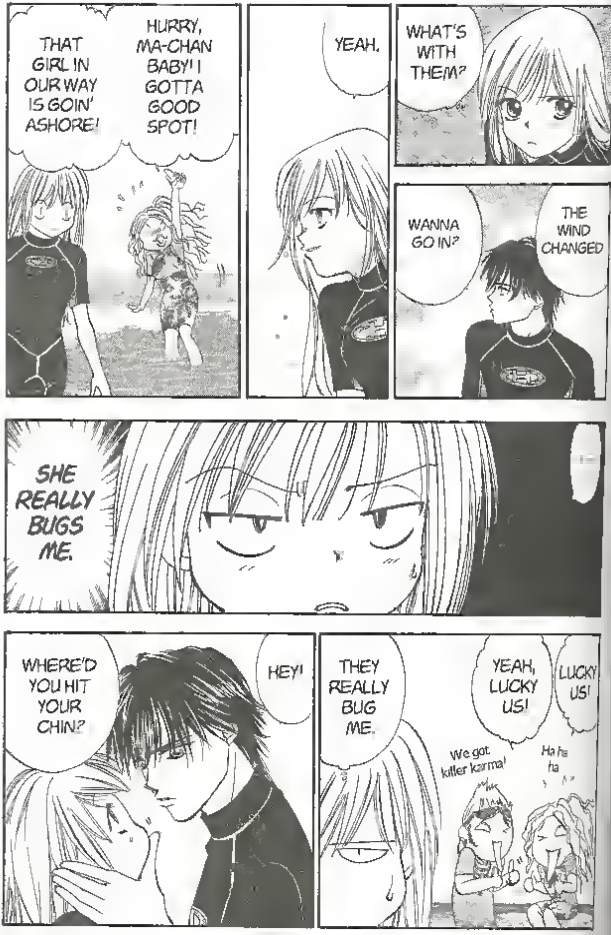
THESE DAYS I'VE BEEN PLAYING A GAME THAT'S BEEN OUT AWHILE. STRATEGY GUIDES ARE HARD TO FIND, SO I ASK FRIENDS AND SURF THE INTERNET FOR TIPS.

I'VE BUGGED SOME FRIENDS SO MUCH, I THINK SOMEONE WILL JUST SOCK ME SOMEDAY! LOL! ONCE I EVEN CALLED MY FRIEND ASHI-SAN AT 2 A.M., ALMOST IN TEARS! I HAD PLAYED THROUGH THE GAME FOUR TIMES—AND STILL DIDN'T SEE THE GOOD ENDING!





HEY!
!
PSST
I'M CUTER THAN HER, RIGHT?
AND WAY HOTTER, TOO!
PSST
WAY CUTER, BABE!
THUNK
!
PLASHH
CARE-FUL, HANABI!
YOU CAN CHIP A TOOTH LIKE THAT.
OWW-WW!
YOU OKAY?
Snort
WHAT A DWEEB!
AW, LET HER BE!
THAT HAPPENS TO LOTS OF NEWBIES!

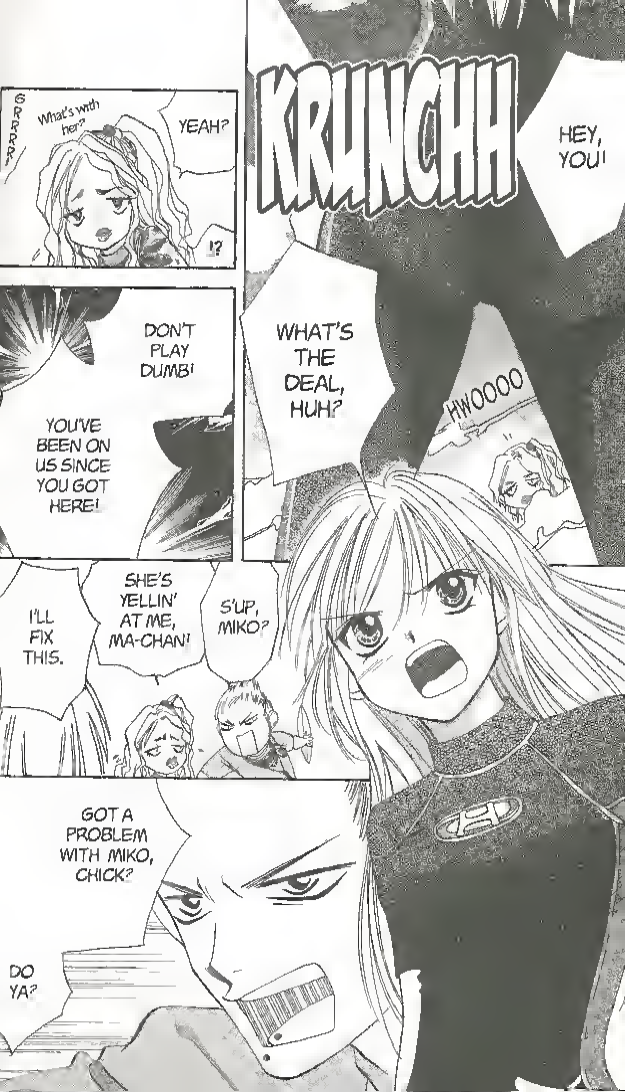

THAT GIRL IN OUR WAY IS GOIN' ASHORE!
HURRY, MA-CHAN BABY! I GOTTA GOOD SPOT!
YEAH.
WHAT'S WITH THEM?
WANNA GO IN?
THE WIND CHANGED
SHE REALLY BUGS ME.
WHERE'D YOU HIT YOUR CHIN?
HEY!
THEY REALLY BUG ME.
YEAH, LUCKY US!
LUCKY US!
We got killer karma!
Ha ha ha

FLUTTER
I FEEL SO...
...SHY.
UM
SHREEEK
IS THIS RIGHT, BABY?
HMPH! WE WERE HAVING A GOOD TIME...
YEP! I DIDN'T EVEN HIT MY CHIN! ♡
AWESOME, MIKO! YOU'RE STANDIN' UP ALREADY!

HUGG
Two can play that game!
YOU JUST NOTICED, BABE?
GLORY
YOU'RE THE WORLD'S BEST SURFING TEACHER!
THEY'VE BEEN AT US SINCE THEY GOT HERE!
BUTTHEADS!
Hmph
TWIRL
IGNORE 'EM. WATCH THE WAVES.
I'M GOIN' OUT, MIKO!
WELL, LOOK! THAT STUPID COUPLE IS_
WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

PLISH
...
G'WAN, MAN! SHOW HER YOUR MOVES!
YASU'S GONNA TAKE OFF!
OBOY!
WOO-HOO!
PLASHH
PLISHH
HEY!
HEY!
HEY!
!?

LOOKIN' GOOD, BABY!
YAY! YOU THE MAN, MA-CHAN!
WOO HOO!
HE CUT OFF YASU!
ACK!
I AM ...
...SO PISSED !!


KRUNCHH
HEY, YOU!
WHAT'S THE DEAL, HUH?
HWOOOO
DON'T PLAY DUMB!
YOU'VE BEEN ON US SINCE YOU GOT HERE!
YEAH?
!?
What's with her?
S'UP, MIKO?
SHE'S YELLIN' AT ME, MA-CHAN!
I'LL FIX THIS.
GOT A PROBLEM WITH MIKO, CHICK?
DO YA?

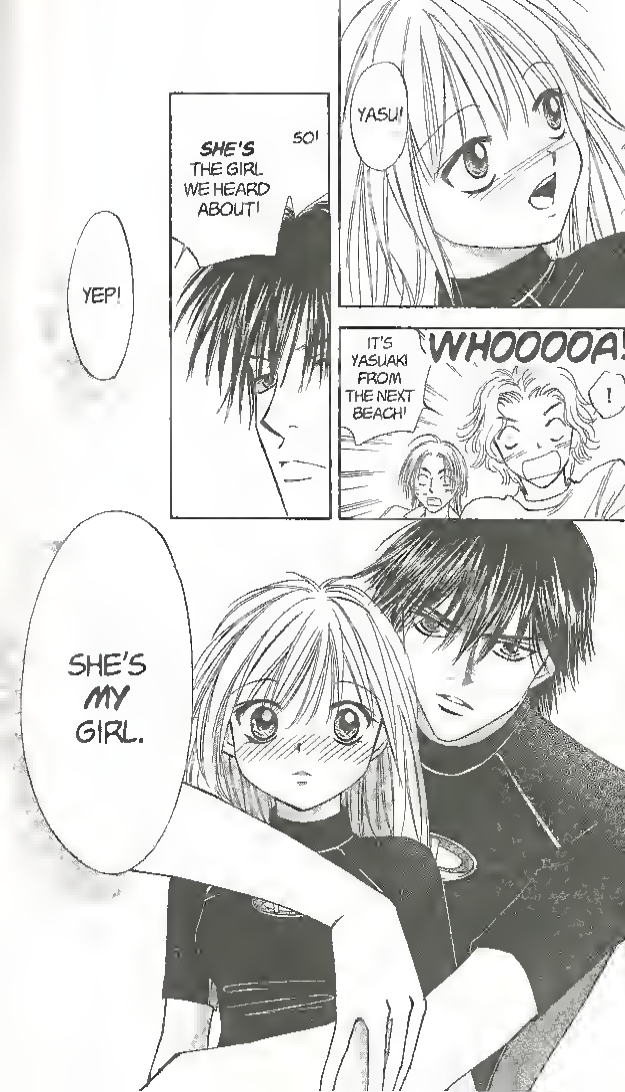
AND I CAN'T STAND YOU EITHER!
YEAH, MACHAKI !
WHAT'D YOU SAY?
Not Machaki! Ma-chan!
GAWK GAWK
A FIGHT? COOL!
YASU!
Just in time!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
ARE YOU WACKO ?
BOP
NOW IT'S TWO ON TWO! I CALL YOU OUT!
Watch out! I'm tough!
POINK!

WHY ARE WE APOLOGI-ZING?
HE STOLE YOUR WAVE!
SORRY. SHE'S A LITTLE.. HOT-HEADED.
STEAM
ARE YOU HERE TO FIGHT...
...OR TO SURF?
BUT..!
IT'S NOT MY WAVE. IT'S EVERY-BODY'S WAVE.
SHE'S GETTIN IN TROU-BLE ♪...
YEAH, DWEEB!
HEE HEE

DO YOU EVER CARE HOW I FEEL, YASU?
OH, RIGHT! WE'RE SURFING AS A "COUPLE."
C'MON, LET'S GO!
SLAPP
?
HEY!
Awww! They broke up! Snort!
Yep! We're still cutest couple!
KYUNCHAH
LAME-O!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S MESSED UP!
HANABI ...

HI! GOT A SEC?
JUST TAKE UP SURFING? NICE WETSUIT!
YOU ALONE? HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND!
ARE THEY HITTIN' ON ME?
WE WORK AT THE SURF SHOP.
RELAX! WE'RE HARMLESS
SURFING
I'M YOUR GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
YOU COULD AT LEAST THROW A PUNCH OR TWO!
KRUNCH
DAMN YASU! HE COMPLETELY WUSSED OUT!
HANABI OZORA FIGHTS WHEREVER AND WHENEVER NECESSARY!
NEXT BEACH

OUR TEACHER'S A FORMER PRO. YOU'LL LEARN SUPER FAST!
BEGINNERS WELCOME!
SURFING SCHOOL
BEGINNERS
CHEAP
PRO INSTRUCTOR! MEET@ 7:00 A.M. ON THE BEACH!
OUR SHOP GIVES SURFING LESSONS.
DO YOU WANNA SIGN UP?
HMM! MAYBE I COULD SURPRISE YASU..
YEAH, YEAH!
YOU SHOULD JOIN!
REALLY?
SURFING SCHOOL
YOU'LL MAKE A WAVE AFTER JUST ONE CLASS!
PEEK UP!
SHE DOESN'T NEED A SCHOOL. SHE HAS ME.
SORRY, DUDES.
JUST TRY ONE MEASLY LESSON!
OKAY?
...
WELL ...


YASU!
SO!
SHE'S THE GIRL WE HEARD ABOUT!
YEP!
IT'S YASUAKI FROM THE NEXT BEACH!
WHOOOOA!
!
SHE'S MY GIRL.

SHE'S MY GIRL...
Sorry, man. We didn't know.
HE ACTUALLY SAID THE WORDS!
YOU DON'T GET MY FEELINGS EITHER, HANABI.
SULK
I COULD LEARN SURFING IN ONE DAY.
THEY TOLD ME.

WHAT?
MOST PEOPLE WOULD...
POINCK
...IGNORE LOSERS LIKE THEM.
Getting Ready to Leave
LOSERS LIKE THEM...

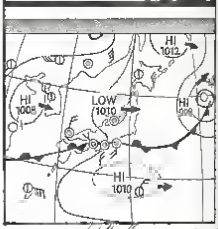
AND CUT PEOPLE OFF...
WEAR COLOGNE AT THE BEACH...
HOLD SURF-BOARDS LIKE TRAYS...
WHO FLASH GOLD CHAINS...
RAGE
THUNK
...ARE TOTAL FAKES!
A REAL SURFER HONORS THE OCEAN'S RULES. A REAL SURFER HAS SPIRIT.
IT TAKES MORE THAN JUST SKILLS.
SURFING IS A BATTLE AGAINST NATURE.

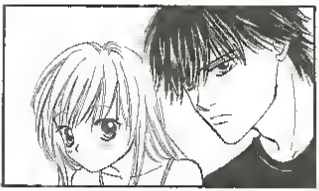
I NEVER KNEW THAT.
...HAS SKILLS AND SPIRIT.
SO A REAL SURFER ...
I HAD NO IDEA.
I'M SORRY.
I...
BESIDES ...
HANABI OZORA'S TOO COOL TO MESS WITH JERKS.
.WANT YOU TO BE MY REAL PARTNER.
SOMEONE I CAN SURF WITH AT ANY BEACH.

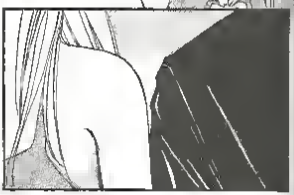
I KNOW YOU'RE SICK OF PADDLING.
BUT JUST TRUST ME, OKAY?
YASU ...
YOU WANNA SURF EVERY-WHERE WITH ME?
WOW!
THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE THINKING ?

Smoke 'em, baby!
REAL DUDES DON'T WEAR DAISIES.
..SO YOU'D BETTER GO CHANGE.
GASP
Ouch, baby!
CHOKE!
WHIMPER
Let's go.
WE DID IT!
NOW WE'RE REALLY SOULMATES!
YOU SHOULDA TOLD ME THAT STUFF BEFORE, YASU!
I WOULDA LEFT THEM ALONE!
YEAH, RIGHT.

I'LL SHOW YOU HOW NEXT TIME.
CHECKING THE WEATHER?


HI 1012
HI 1008
LOW 1010
HI 1008
HI 1010





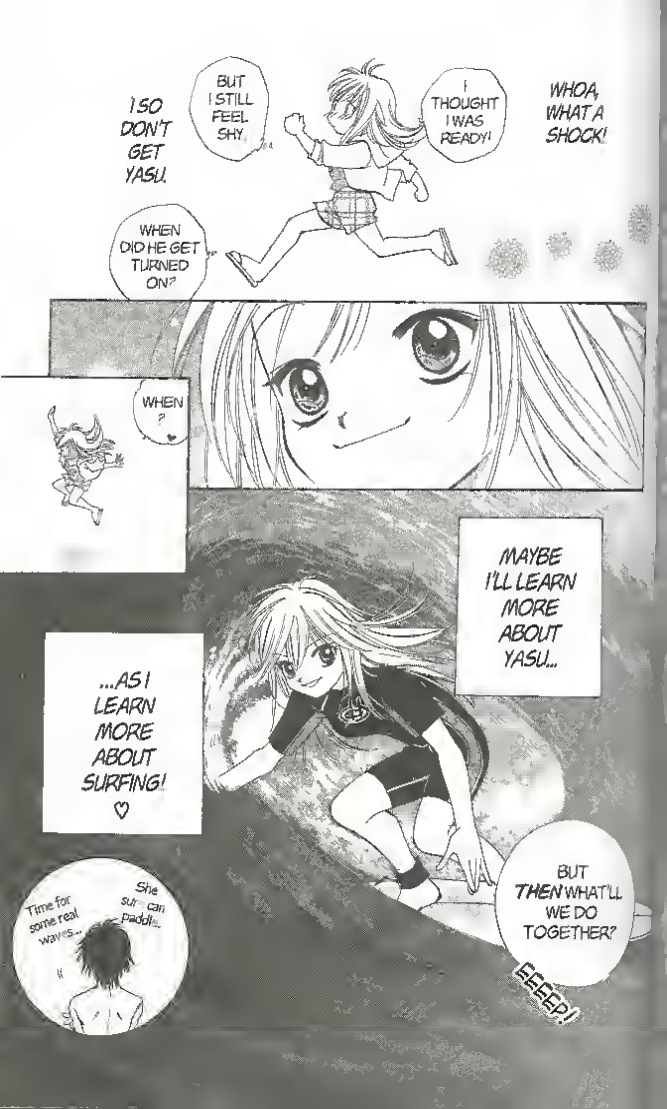
BUT I REALLY DO WANNA GET YOU.
WE FOUGHT TODAY BECAUSE WE DIDN'T GET EACH OTHER.

YASU?

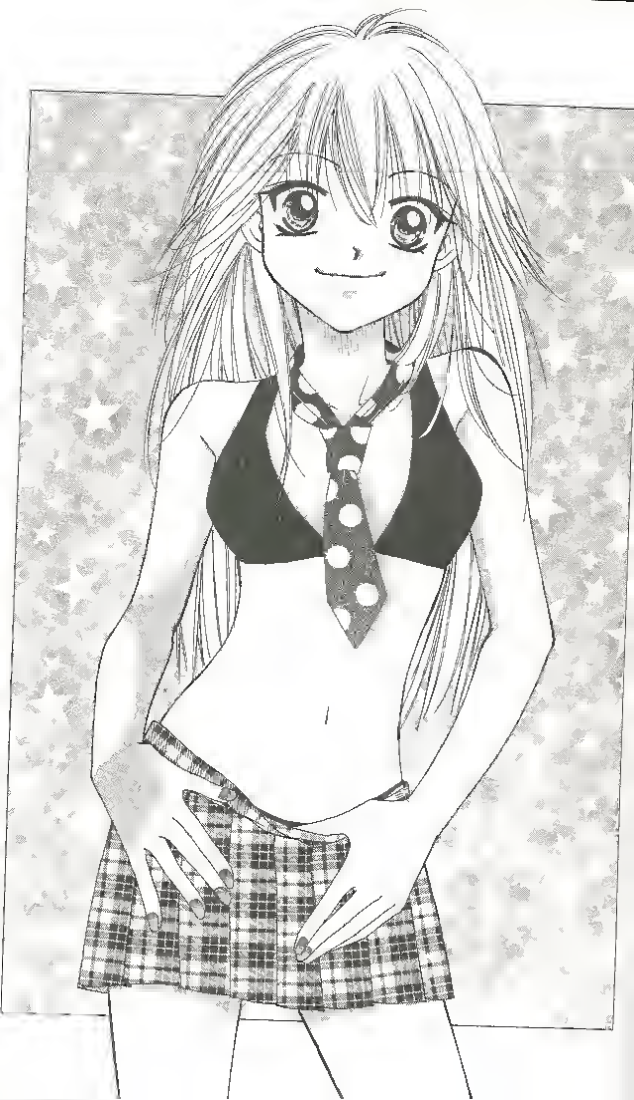
I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE GIRLS.
I KNOW YOU'RE CLUELESS ABOUT THE OPPOSITE SEX.
And an amazing pianist
WELL, THEN.
HOW CAN WE KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER?
WHAT?
OH!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YASU?
WHA...
WHA...
UH-OH!
TUMBLE
WHAT?
C'MON, HANABI!
DON'T ASK THAT.
SHWIP

!?
FLOP
AIIIEEE!
PADDLE PADDLE PADDLE PADDLE PADDLE PADDLE
TAKE OFF!
UFF!
EEEEK!
NO FAIR! THAT WAS A SURPRISE ATTACK!
KOFF
THMP THMP THMP
SHE KNOWS LESS ABOUT THE OPPOSITE SEX THAN I DO!


I SO DON'T GET YASU.
BUT I STILL FEEL SHY.
I THOUGHT I WAS READY!
WHOA, WHAT A SHOCK!
WHEN DID HE GET TURNED ON?
WHEN ? ♥
MAYBE I'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT YASU...
...AS I LEARN MORE ABOUT SURFING! ♡
BUT THEN WHAT'LL WE DO TOGETHER?
EEEP!
Time for some real waves...
She sure can paddle...

HAPPY
HUST
HIGH



YASU WANTS A HAIRCUT.
IT'S TOO LONG.
SO I'M GONNA GIVE HIM ONE!
Just leave it to me!
WHAT IF YOUR EYES MEET?
SHREEK
SHREEK
BUT, BUT...
I GOT A CAMERA!
SHREEK
CAN YOU SEE?
SHREEK

THEY'RE MAKING A MOVIE AT THE BEACH TODAY.
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ?
WHAT'S ALL THE COMMO-TION?
Dunno
FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP
TSUBASA TAMAYA ?
REALLY ?
?
BUT HE'S REALLY REALLY FAMOUS! THEY VOTED HIM SEXIEST MAN!
YOU NEVER HEARD OF HIM ?
COULD CARE LESS
THE GREAT TSUBASA TAMAYA WILL BE HERE.

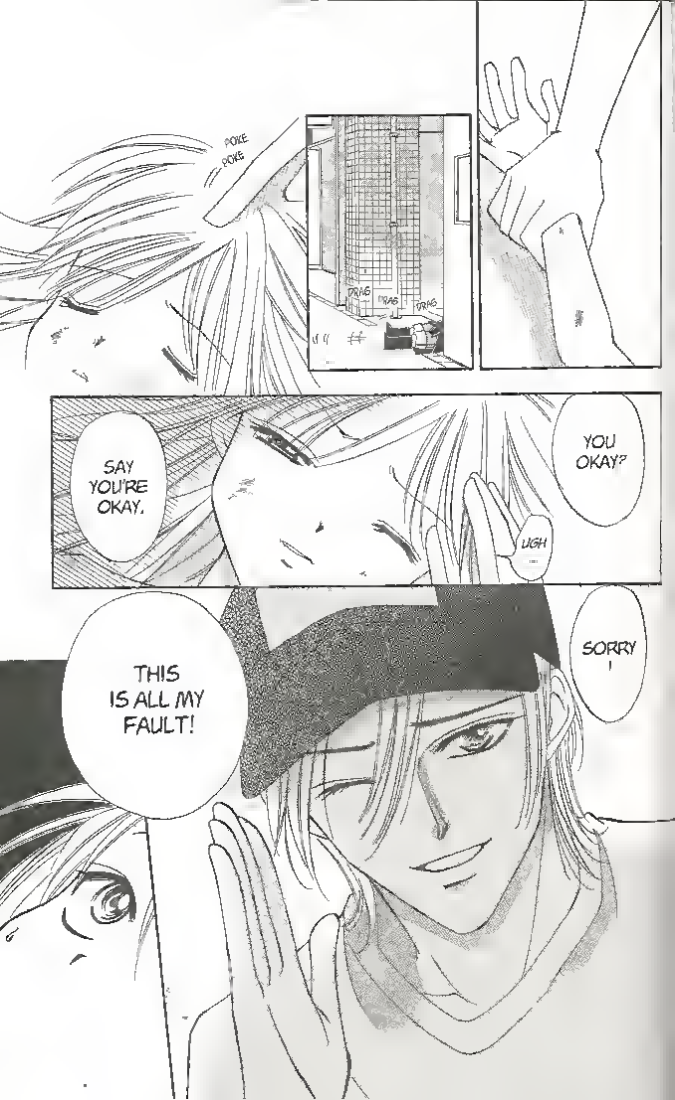
WHAT'S SO PRECIOUS ABOUT THIS PRETTY BOY?
NUMBER ONE ON THE CHARTS!
I'LL HOLD YA, HOLD YA, HOLD YA AND MAKE YA FEEL ALL RIGHT...
AND WAY OUTTA TUNE.
SING IT, HANABI!
I'LL GIVE YA ALL I AM!
YOU JUST DON'T GET WOMEN...
WE WANNA HEAR SWEET NOTHINGS...
...LAID ON SUPER THICK...
...EVEN IF THEY SOUND KINDA DUMB.

I'LL HOLD YA AND MAKE YA FEEL ALL RIGHT.
HUH?
I'LL GIVE YA ALL I AM.
STOP THAT!
HEE!
SNIPP
I'M BLUSHIN'
OH!
OOOPSIE!

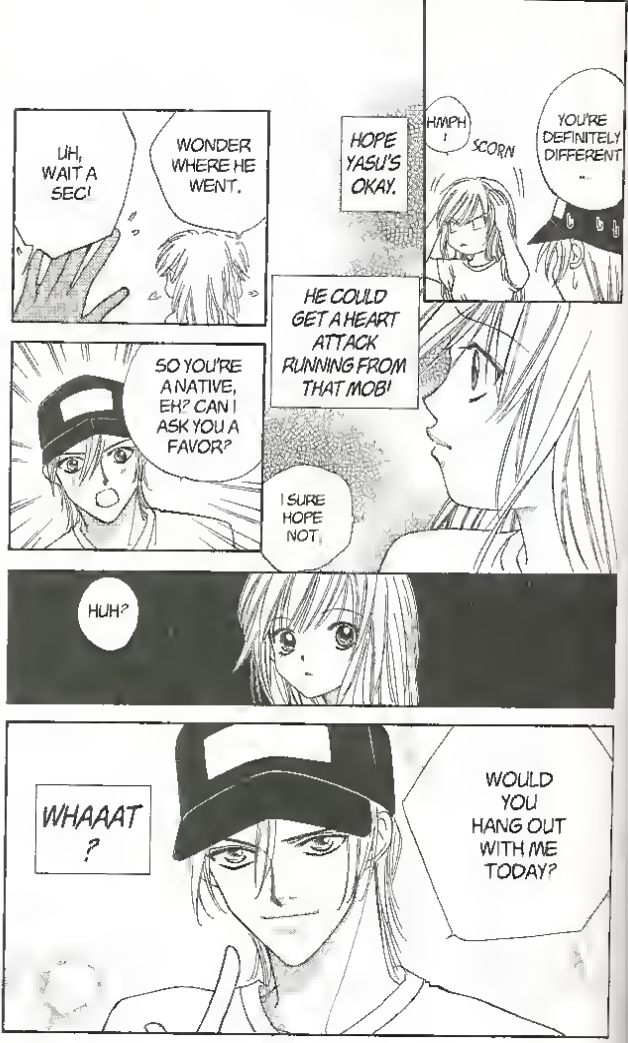
I'M SO SORRY, YASU!
I'LL TAKE YOU TO MY SALON, OKAY?
IT'S NOT THAT BAD, REALLY!
THOUGH IT DOES LOOK LIKE A CHICKEN'S BUTT...
FLIK FLIK
DON'T WANNA HEAR IT...
HEY! ISN'T HE...?
OHMIGOD, IT'S A SWARM OF GIRLS!
WHIRL
OH!
THEY MUST BE TSUBASA TAMAYA FANS!
QUICK, YASU! TAKE A DETOUR!
TP TP

THEY FOUND TSUBASA!
THERE! IN THE BASEBALL CAP!
WHERE?
YOU SAW TSUBASA?
NO WAY!
SHREEK
THE GUY IN THE CAP WHO TOOK OFF!
WHO?
HEY! WAS THAT TSUBASA TAMAYA?
TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP
TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP
?
TSUBASA TAMAYAAAAAA-AAAAAAAAAAA!
TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP
HUH ???
!?
HERE THEY COME!!!

TRMPTRMP
WHERE IS HE?
SWALLOWED
HANA!
SQUISH
YASU!
TAMAYA!
TRMP TRMP
TRMP TRMP
RUN!
GASP
EEEK!
EEEEEEEEEEEEEK
TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP


POKE
POKE
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
YOU OKAY?
UGH
SAY YOU'RE OKAY.
SORRY!
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!

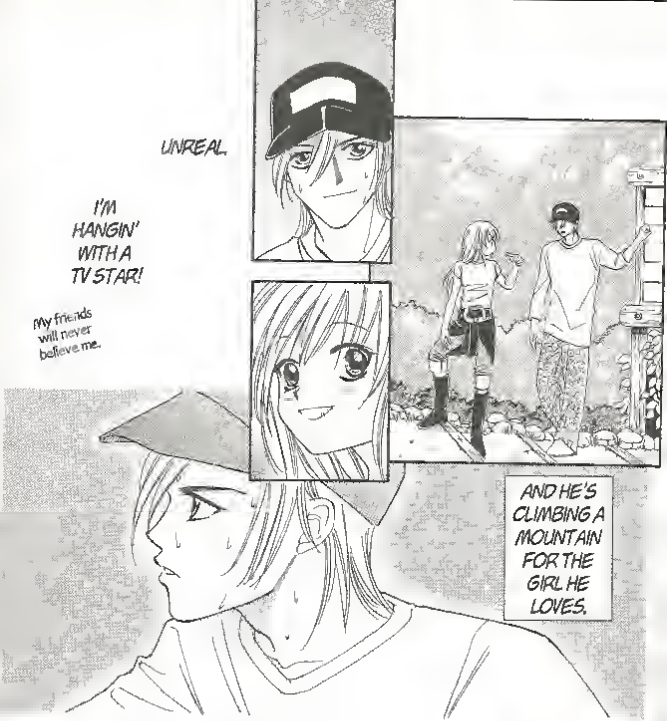
YOU'RE TSUBASA TAMAYA!
SHH!
YOU'RE—
YOU BLOODY IDIOT! YOU SAVED ME?
POW!
!?
DON'T SAY I SAVED YOU, OKAY?
A REAL MAN WOULD SHOW HIS FACE!
YOU SAW THEM CHASE MY BOYFRIEND!
YOU BLOODY COWARD!
YOU'RE PUTTING US LOCALS OUT!

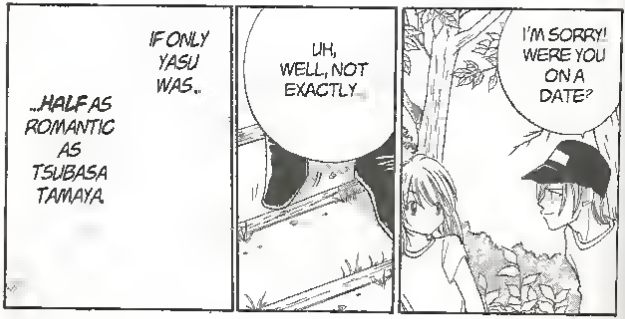

UH, WAIT A SEC!
WONDER WHERE HE WENT.
HOPE YASU'S OKAY.
HMPH! SCORN
YOU'RE DEFINITELY DIFFERENT...
HE COULD GET A HEART ATTACK RUNNING FROM THAT MOB!
SO YOU'RE A NATIVE, EH? CAN I ASK YOU A FAVOR?
I SURE HOPE NOT.
HUH?
WHAAAT?
WOULD YOU HANG OUT WITH ME TODAY?

SHE IS?
REA HANAKAN-MURI!
THAT'S ...
WOW! STARS CARRY STAR PICTURES, TOO?
SHE'S MY GIRL.
GRIN
WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE ACTING SCHOOL!
WE JUST CAN'T, LIKE, TELL THE WORLD ABOUT IT.
You two are a couple? Cool!
FLUTTER FLUTTER
MY ASSISTANT SAYS THERE'S A FAMOUS SPOT..
.. WHERE YOU CAN HANG A PADLOCK ..
..AND BE LINKED TO YOUR LOVE FOREVER.
YEP! AT THE TV TOWER BACK THERE.

..WITH ALL THE FANS AND PAPARAZZI.
BUT IT'S HARD TO WALK AROUND ...
..EVEN WHEN WE'RE APART.
I WANT OUR HEARTS TO BE ONE..
MELT
IS THERE A SECRET PATH? COULD YOU SHOW ME?
I COULD DRIVE THERE, BUT THAT SEEMS A LITTLE COLD.
I LIVE IN THIS BURG!
I'D LOVE TO HELP YOU!
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME, BUD!
PAT PAT
DEEPLY IMPRESSED
What a romantic! ...!!

!?
HURRY! THIS WAY, THIS WAY!
SLINK SLINK
YASU'S PROBABLY OKAY.
OUR HEARTS ARE ONE WHEN WE'RE APART, TOO.
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?
THERE HE IS! HE'S BACK!
EEEEK!
GIMME A BREAK! I'M NOT YOUR GUY!
HFF
HFF
H-HANABI ?
THIS IS REEEALLY CREEPY...
EEEEK! HE ACTUALLY SPOKE!
TRMP TRMP TRMP
TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP
EEEEK!

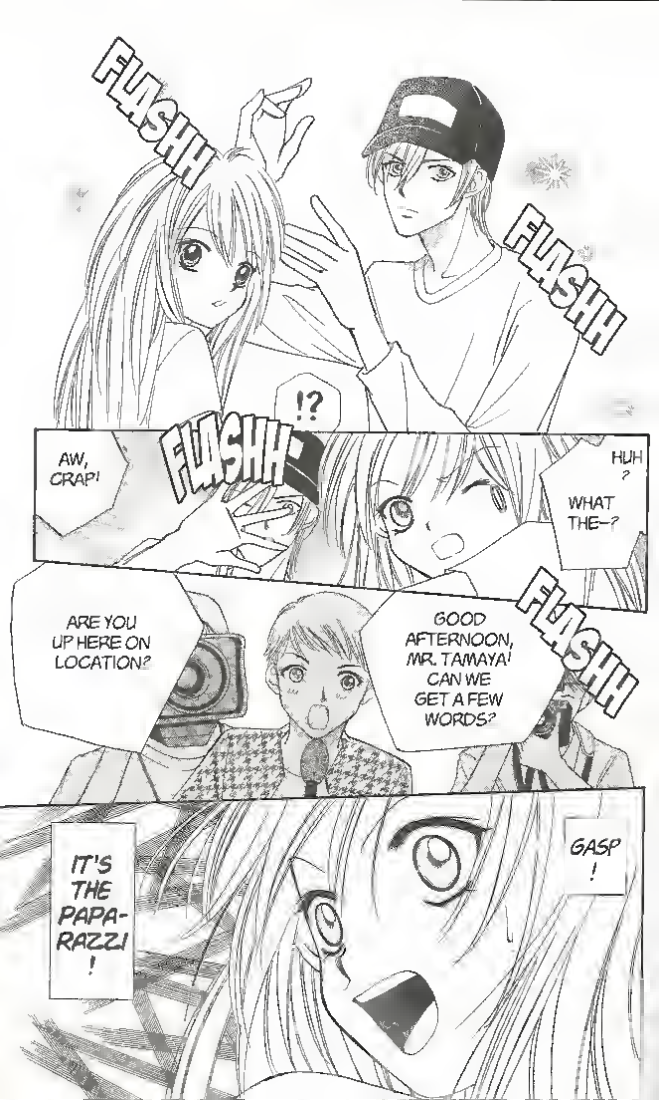

UNREAL.
I'M HANGIN' WITH A TV STAR!
My friends will never believe me.
AND HE'S CLIMBING A MOUNTAIN FOR THE GIRL HE LOVES.


IF ONLY YASU WAS..
..HALF AS ROMANTIC AS TSUBASA TAMAYA.
UH, WELL, NOT EXACTLY.
I'M SORRY! WERE YOU ON A DATE?

YOU'RE THE ONE I LOVE!
JUST ONCE ...
YASU IS MACHO AND SWEET...BUT SO DANG ALOOF!
HE'D NEVER CLIMB A MOUNTAIN FOR ME.
I WISH HE'D FORGET ABOUT APPEAR-ANCES.
I WISH HE'D SHOUT SOME-THING LIKE...
NAH! I WAS JUST .. DREAMIN'.
ANYTHING WRONG?
YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S LUCKY. MY GUY WOULD NEVER DO THIS.

CARE-FUL!
EEEK!
SLIPP
JUST CLUMSY.
I'M FINE.
AND HE'S WITH A GIRL!
RUSTLE
THAT'S DEFINITELY TAMAYA!

THANK YOU, HANABI.
NO PROB!
WHEW! GLAD WE'RE FINALLY HERE.
THERE! THAT'S THE PLACE!
KLIK
TSUBASA+REA
MAYBE SOMEDAY YOU'LL COME HERE TOGETHER..
WHOA!
LOOK AT ALL THE LOCKS!


FLASH
FLASH
!?
FLASHH
AW, CRAP!
HUH?
WHAT THE–?
FLASH
ARE YOU UP HERE ON LOCATION?
GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. TAMAYA! CAN WE GET A FEW WORDS?
GASP!
IT'S THE PAPA-RAZZI!

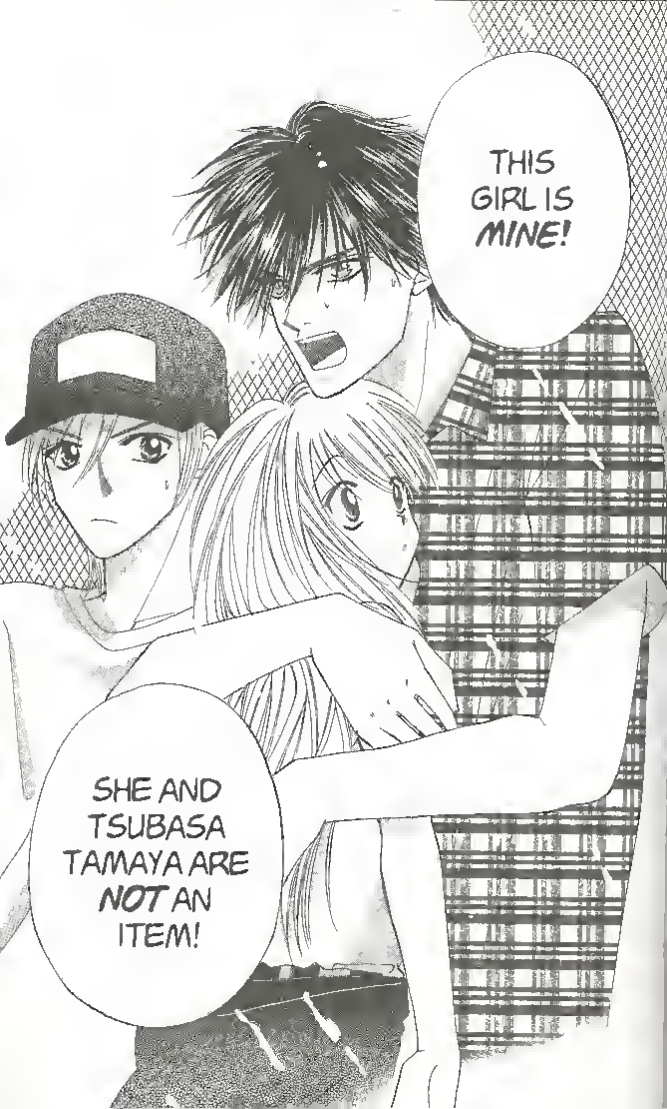
WE'VE HEARD THE GIRLFRIEND GOSSIP!
IS SHE THE ONE?
WHAT?
HURRY! GET HER PIC!
!?
THUNK
BACK OFF, BOZO!
REALLY, MR. TAMAYA?
BUT THIS SPOT'S SO LOVEY-DOVEY!
THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN US!
C'MON, DISH!
CLANK
HOW DO YOU KNOW TSUBASA?
YOUR NAME, MISS? ARE YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL?

SHREEEK!
WE FINALLY FOUND HIM!
OOOOH! THERE'S TSUBASA TAMAYA!
THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN US!
I'VE SEEN THIS ON TV..
...BUT THE REAL THING SUCKS!
HEY, THAT HURTS!
BUT WHO'S SHE?
THIS IS NOT HAPPENING..
SMUG
I'M GONNA DIE!
USH

ENOUGH ALREADY!
SHE'S MY GIRL-FRIEND!

YASU!
IS THIS A DREAM?

YASU'S FIGHTIN' THROUGH THE FLOCK O' FANGIRLS!
OMI-GOSH!
Oh!
Oh!
Oh!
Oh!
HFF


THIS GIRL IS *MINE*!
SHE AND TSUBASA TAMAYA ARE *NOT* AN ITEM!

YASU
IS
SO
COOOOOOL!

BEATS ME!
WHO'S HE?
TSUBASA'S CO-STAR?
YASU! YOU CAME FOR ME!
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?
This guy! →
BEAM
HEY! MY WISH JUST CAME TRUE!
I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING, YASU...

!
YOU'RE THE BEST, YASU!
MY STAR AND MY HERO!
SMOOCH
TSUBASA'S JUST A FRIEND.
YIPPEE!
NOT IN PUBLIC, DUMMY!
CHE POKE
YOUR BOYFRIEND'S ONE COOL DUDE.

REA IS TSUBASA'S GIRL, AFTER ALL...

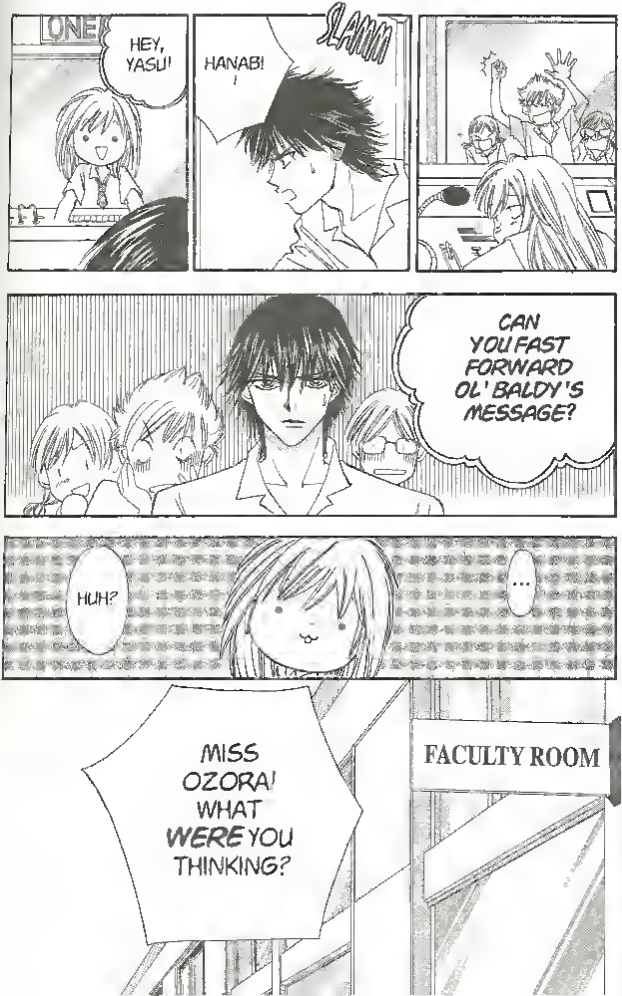
WEEKLY SCOOP
TSUBASA LOVE TRIANGLE?
EXTRA!
SUPER-STAR'S MYSTERY DATE!
AW, POO!
THEY BLACKED OUT OUR EYES!
TODAY'S GUESTS ARE TSUBASA TAMAYA AND REA HANAKANMURI.
GOOD LUCK, YOU TWO!
I KNOW THEIR SECRET!
WOO HOO!
AISUYAN
HFF
HFF
HFF
GLAD WE'RE JUST ORDINARY JOES!

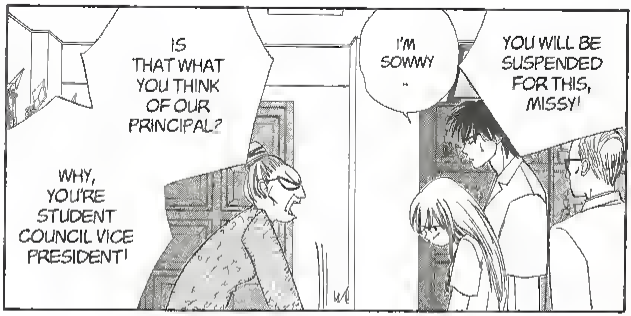
I'M RIGHT HERE, YASU...
...IF I CROAK.
DONATE MY ORGANS
YASU'S BEEN SICK EVER SINCE...
WHEEZ
WHEEZ
I TRULY LOVE.
...JUST TO GET TO ME IS THE YASU...
...SHOVES THROUGH A GIRL GANG...
THE YASU WHO..
AISUYAN
NURSING A SICK BOYFRIEND IS A BEAUTIFUL THING!
SIGH!
HAH HAH

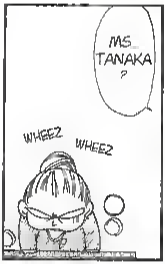
HAPPY HUSTLE HIGH

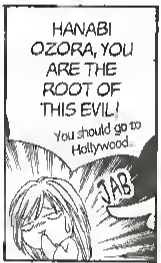
YOU HAVE ALL ADJUSTED QUITE WELL!
SINCE MEIBI WENT COED A FEW MONTHS AGO..
LUNCH-TIME ♡
HOW LONG WILL HE KEEP BLABBIN'?
I'M STARVING!
BROADCAST ROOM
Yadda yadda yadda

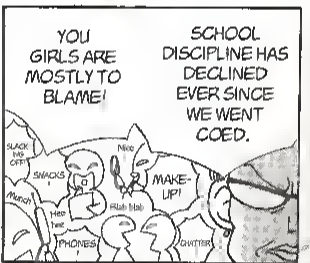
WE, LIKE, KNOW ALREADY, PAL!
Sheesh!
SO BUCKLE DOWN AND STUDY HARD!
I GOTTA MAKE THE STUDENT COUNCIL ANNOUNCE-MENT!
BUMP
KLIK
...AND HONOR MEIBI HIGH TRADI-TIONS!
PLEASE HELP EACH OTHER.
CUE-BALL!
HEE HEE
SHINY SKULL!
WOOMM
STILL TALKIN', MOTOR-MOUTH?
AND ALSO, STUDENTS...
YEP. IT'S HANABI
Is that—?
BALDY!
STUPID...
THUMP


HEY, YASU!
HANABI!
SLAMM
CAN YOU FAST FORWARD OL' BALDY'S MESSAGE?
HUH?
...
FACULTY ROOM
MISS OZORA! WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

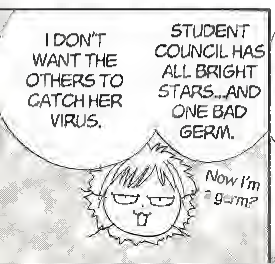

IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK OF OUR PRINCIPAL?
WHY, YOU'RE STUDENT COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT!
I'M SOWWY
YOU WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THIS, MISSY!


MS. TANAKA ?
WHEEZ
WHEEZ

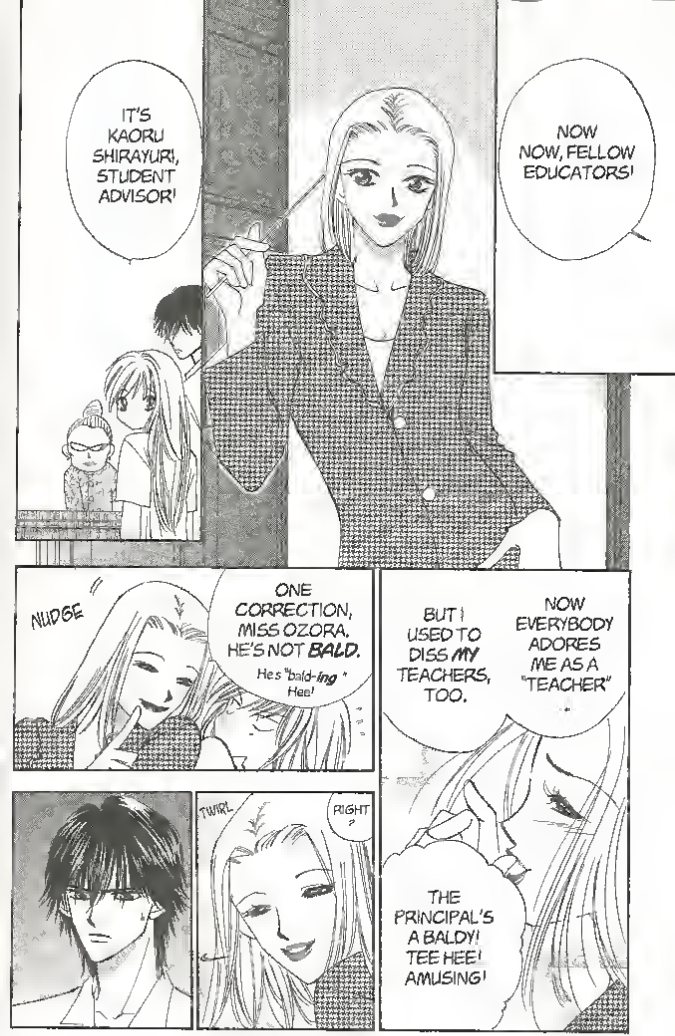

HANABI OZORA, YOU ARE THE ROOT OF THIS EVIL!
You should go to Hollywood.
JAB


YOU GIRLS ARE MOSTLY TO BLAME!
SCHOOL DISCIPLINE HAS DECLINED EVER SINCE WE WENT COED.
SUCK MY CAPS
SNACKS
Nine
MAKE-UP!
Munch
Hee hee
Blah blah
PHONES
GWITTER

YOU ARE A BRIGHT STAR, YASUAKI GARUKU! ♡
Why should you apologize?
TISH-TOSH !


I DON'T WANT THE OTHERS TO CATCH HER VIRUS.
STUDENT COUNCIL HAS ALL BRIGHT STARS...AND ONE BAD GERM.
Now I'm a germ?

STUDENT COUNCIL WILL THOROUGHLY DISCUSS THIS MATTER
WE ARE TRULY SORRY.


IT'S KAORU SHIRAYURI, STUDENT ADVISOR!
NOW NOW, FELLOW EDUCATORS!
NUDGE
ONE CORRECTION, MISS OZORA. HE'S NOT BALD.
He's "bald-ing" Hee!
BUT I USED TO DISS MY TEACHERS, TOO.
NOW EVERYBODY ADORES ME AS A "TEACHER"
THE PRINCIPAL'S A BALDY! TEE HEE! AMUSING!
TWIRL
RIGHT?

MEIBI HIGH IS A FAMOUS SCHOOL WITH FAMOUS TRADITIONS.
SHALL WE GIVE MISS OZORA A PASS ON THIS.
..IF SHE'S FIRST IN HER CLASS AFTER FINAL EXAMS?
YOU'RE TOO EASY ON THEM, MS. SHIRAYURI!
LET'S DO THIS!
RIP
OKAY, THEN!
FINE. BUT IT'S PROBABLY JUST A STAY OF EXECUTION.
YOU'RE TOUGH. YOU CAN MANAGE.
WHAAAAT?
IT IS BETTER THAN SUSPENSION. I SUPPOSE.
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
IT WAS JUST A LITTLE TRASH TALK. ARE WE AGREED, COLLEAGUES?
YOU'LL JUST HAFTA QUIT STUDENT COUNCIL! WEL-L-L... AND IF YOU'RE NOT NUMERO UNO..
BUT, MISS SHIRAYURI!
This isn't helping!

FACULTY RESTROOM
HANABI OZORA, I WILL WATCH YOU CHOKE.
YES!
NO WAY WILL YOU ACE YOUR FINALS.
PUFF
I'M ONLY EASY ON...
...THE PRETTY BOYS!
STUB
STUB
I SUGGEST YOU STUDY HARD.
MISS SHIRAYURI SAVED YOU, MISS OZORA
SHE DIDN'T HELP ME ONE BIT!

GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
CHIRP!
THAT FRIZZBALL EVEN BUGS THE OLD TIMERS.
THIS SCHOOL WAS PURE PARADISE
..'TIL WE WENT COED.
RATTLE RATTLE
LOVE? DATING? SEX? NEVER!
TAKE NOTES, TAKE A DUMP, GO TO BED!
..AGREES WITH ME. ♡
Did our eyes meet?
I THINK EVEN YASU..
HANABI OZORA WILL GET KICKED OFF STUDENT COUNCIL..
THIS IS MY BIG CHANCE
..AND STUDENT LIFE WILL SUCK AGAIN!

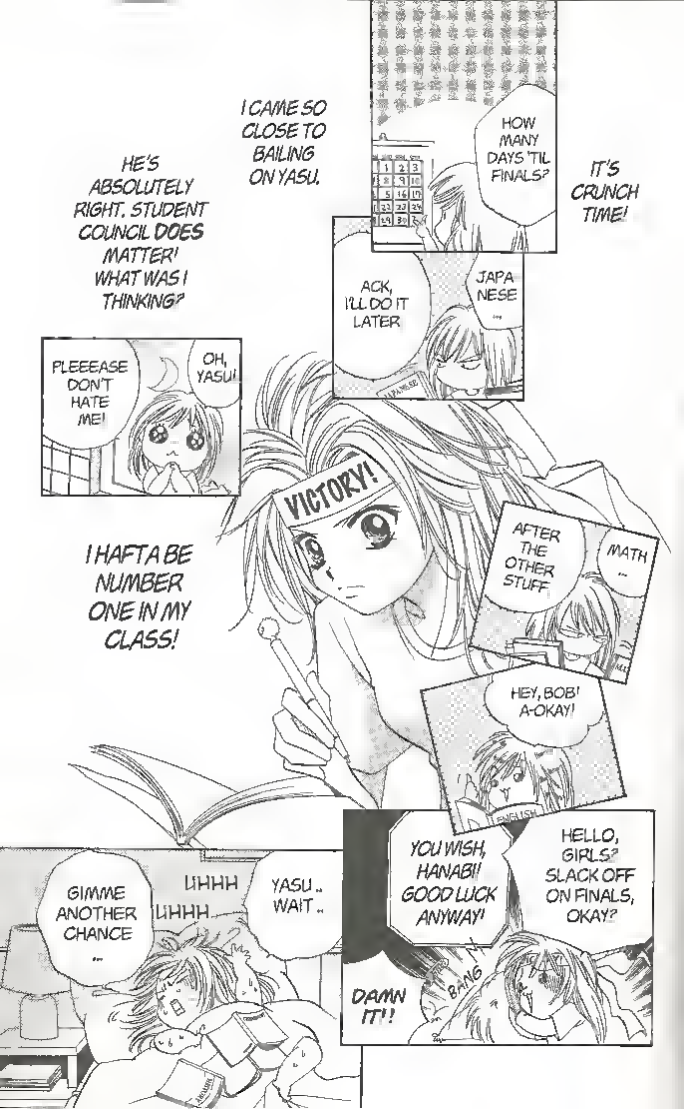
1 — B
WHAAAT? YOU'RE OFF STUDENT COUNCIL IF YOU DON'T COME IN FIRST?
SOB! YOU'LL HAFTA QUIT STUDENT COUNCIL!
BUT THAT'LL MEAN ...
I'M GONNA TRY MY BEST!
BUT WHY?
JUST FOR A BALD JOKE? THAT'S, LIKE, EXTREME!
NOT BALD! BALDING!
HEY! IT AIN'T A DONE DEAL YET!
HERE'S A THOUGHT!
LET'S ALL FLUNK OUR FINALS IN PROTEST!
THOUGH IT IS KINDA IFFY..

STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM
JUST FOR A BALD JOKE? THAT'S, LIKE, CRUEL-AND-UNUSUAL!
THEN WHY ARE YOU PACKING YOUR STUFF?
NO, I'M GONNA CRAM!
YOU GONNA QUIT STUDENT COUNCIL?
SIGHHH!
KEEP
DUMP
SO WHAT IF I QUIT? IT WON'T HURT ME AND YASU!
THAT TEACHER DID CALL ME A GERM...
I'M OKAY WITH IT.
IF I DO HAFTA QUIT...
WELL ..

HUH?
I'M DISAP-POINTED IN YOU.
THE HANABI I LIKED...
...WOULD FACE THIS THING HEAD-ON.
THE HANABI I RESPEC-TED...
...WOULD STEP UP TO HOME PLATE...
...AND TRY TO WHACK IT OUT OF THE PARK.

THAT'S THE HANABI I LOV–
I CAN'T EVEN SAY IT.
SIGHHH!
WHA-
CAN I STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR...
...SUCH A GUTLESS WONDER?
A-
IT?

I'M GOIN' HOME NOW! GOTTA STUDY!
I WAS KIDDING! I DON'T WANNA QUIT!
GUYS !
YA...
YASU ..
SURFING CAN WAIT! SEE YA!
SLAMM
A TOTAL LIE!
THAT WAS A LIE!
I'VE GOTTA STUDY!
ZOOOMM
I'M SO...
...SCREWED!

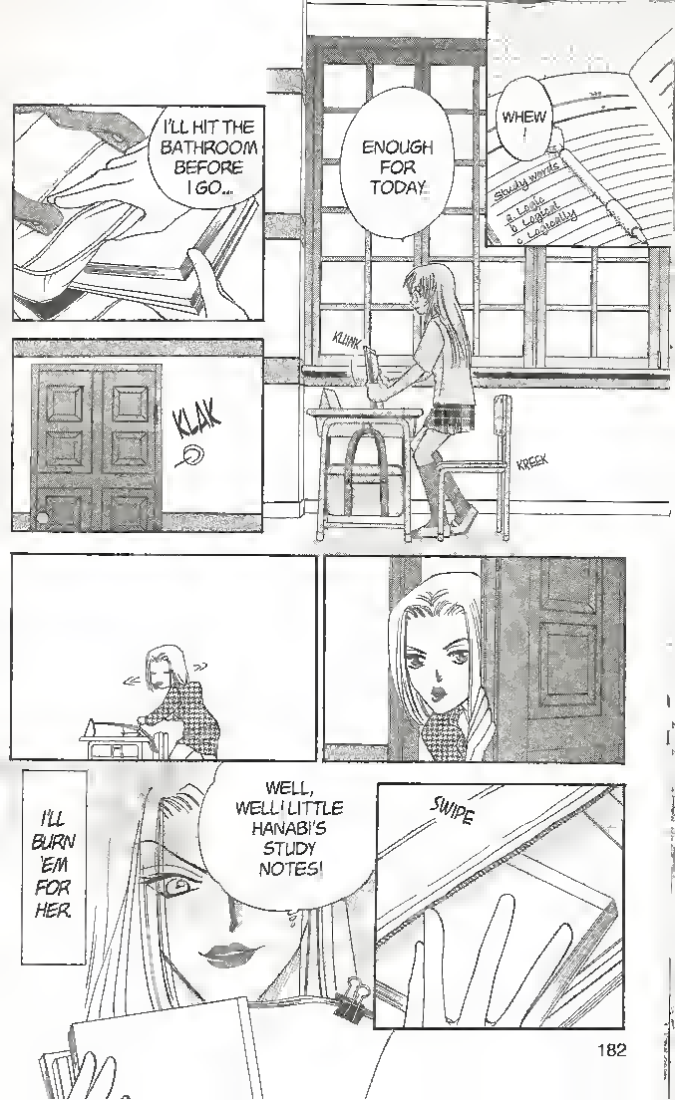

I CAME SO CLOSE TO BAILING ON YASU.
HOW MANY DAYS 'TIL FINALS?
IT'S CRUNCH TIME!
HE'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. STUDENT COUNCIL DOES MATTER! WHAT WAS I THINKING?
ACK, I'LL DO IT LATER
JAPANESE ...
PLEEEASE DON'T HATE ME!
OH, YASU!
VICTORY!
I HAFTA BE NUMBER ONE IN MY CLASS!
AFTER THE OTHER STUFF
MATH ...
HEY, BOB! A-OKAY!
ENGLISH
YOU WISH, HANABI! GOOD LUCK ANYWAY!
HELLO, GIRLS? SLACK OFF ON FINALS, OKAY?
BANG
DAMN IT!!
GIMME ANOTHER CHANCE ...
UHHH UHHH
YASU.. WAIT..

HEY!
SNATCH
I'LL NEVER BE FIRST.
I'M TOAST.
YOU OKAY, GIRL?
Hanabi looks lik... dog doo!
Ugh...
THOSE DAYS I USED TO NAP...
PLUNCK
O THEY'RE NEVER COMIN BACK...
YASU!
IS MUSIC ON OUR FINALS?

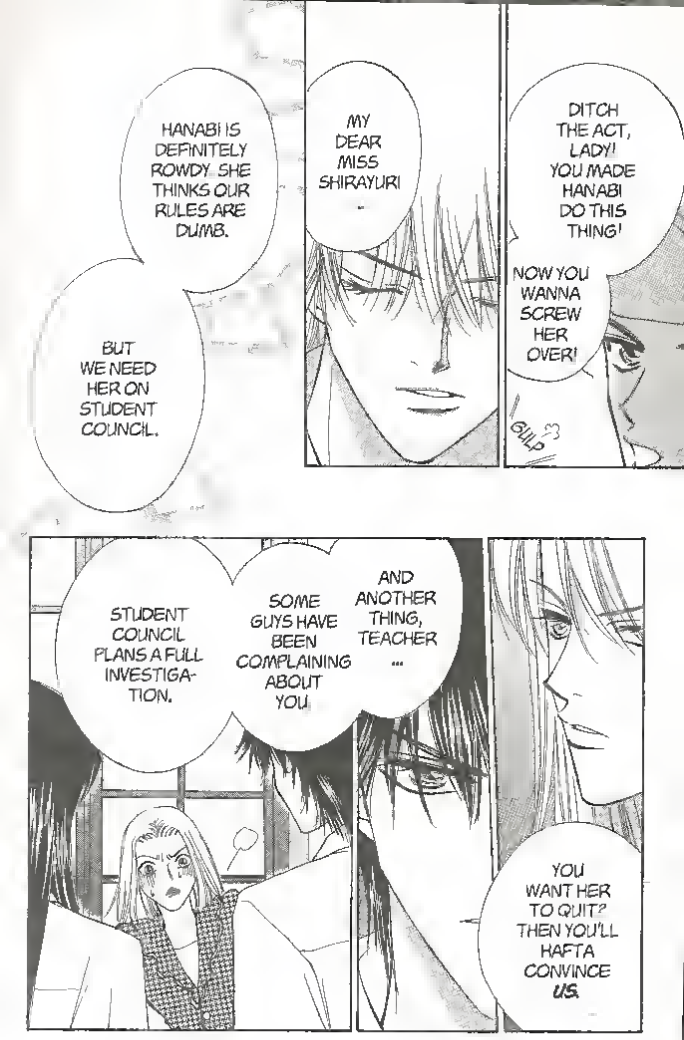
YOSHITOMO? TOKIHISA?
YOU NEED MORE THAN CRAMMING, HANABI.
SO YOU'RE NOT HEART-LESS..
..AND YOU'RE NOT A TOTAL IDIOT!
WAG WAG
HEART-LESS
IDIOT
HEY! I GAVE HIM THE INSIDE INFO!
WHO'S WRITING THE TEST AND WHAT QUESTIONS THEY'LL ASK!
SO HERE'S YOUR PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE
YOSHI-TOMO! YOU DID ALL THIS... FOR ME?
THANKS, GUYS!
YOU'RE THE TOTAL IDIOT.

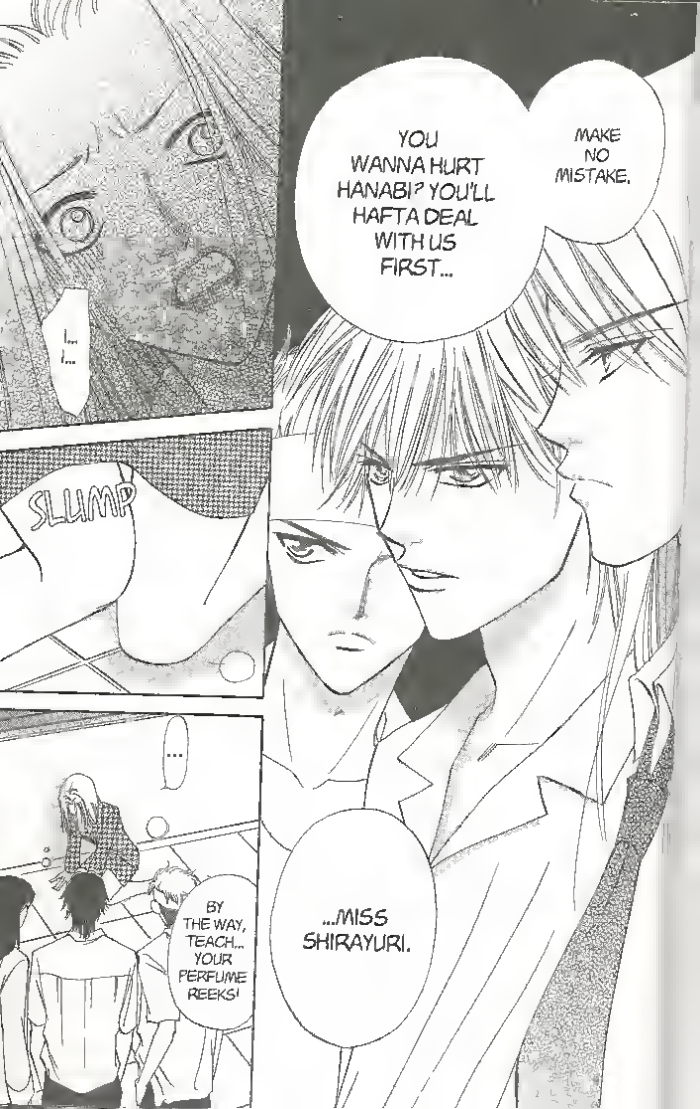
I'M NOT DOING THIS JUST FOR YASU...
READY TO RUMBLE?
EEEP!
I WANNA STAY ON STUDENT COUNCIL WITH EVERYBODY!
THE PUNCH CAME QUICK AS A FLASH.
"QUICK AS A FLASH."
OKAY! USE THIS PHRASE IN A SENTENCE
JAPANESE
THE STUDENT COUNCIL GUYS ARE HELPING HANABI STUDY.
NO FAIR! I'M SO JEALOUS.

Ya gotta eat, right?
FOOD FOR THE PRISONER!
STUDY THIS FORMULA.
THEN JUST APPLY IT.
YOU'RE CATCHING ON!
YOU JUST MIGHT MAKE FIRST PLACE!
SOBBB!
BAWLLL!
GOOD JOB!
YAY!
..IN THE FACULTY ROOM
I'LL MAKE YOU A COPY..
SERIOUSLY? SHOW ME YOUR NOTES!
THEY TEACH WAY BETTER THAN THE TEACHERS!
YOU'RE SO LUCKY, HANABI! THREE HOTTIES HELPING YOU STUDY!
THIS IS NOT WHAT I PLANNED.
SNAPP
DAMN!

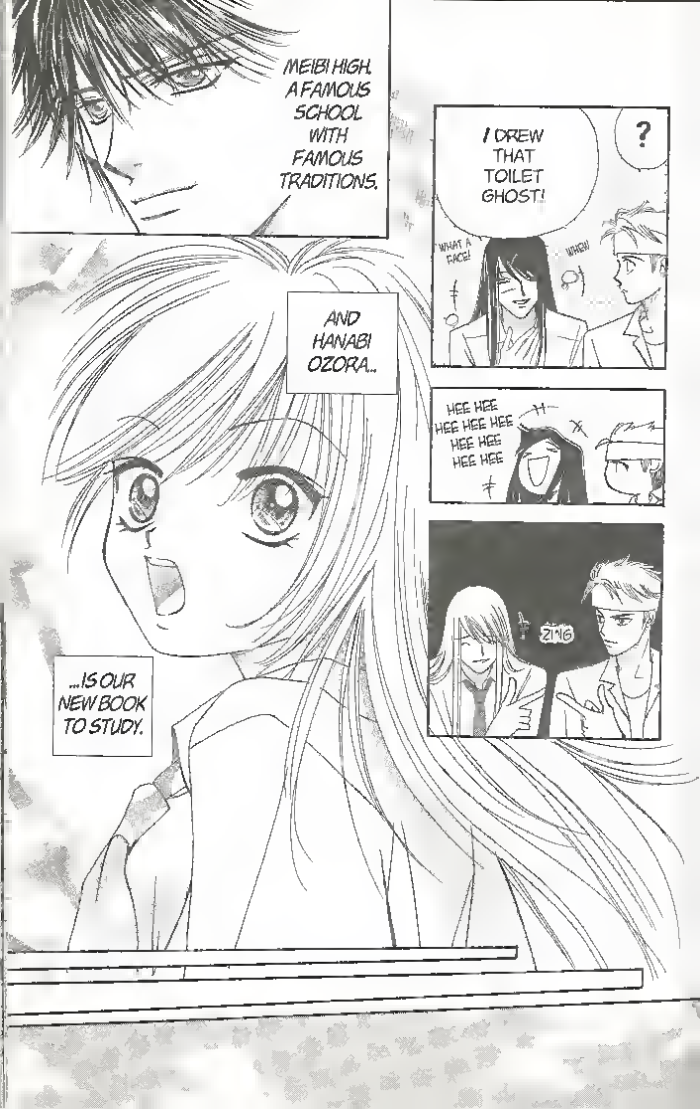

I'LL HIT THE BATHROOM BEFORE I GO...
ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
WHEW!
Study words
a. Logic
b. Logical
c. Logically
KLIIIAK
KLAK
KREEK
WELL, WELL! LITTLE HANABI'S STUDY NOTES!
I'LL BURN 'EM FOR HER.
SWIPE

!!
GASP
GRAB
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A SPOILED BRAT!
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
UH, YASU GARAKU!
SHE'S WORKING SO HARD!
I'M CHECKING HANABI'S PROGRESS!
EVEN HER TEXT-BOOKS?
WHATCHA DOIN' WITH THOSE, MISS SHIRAYURI?


HANABI IS DEFINITELY ROWDY. SHE THINKS OUR RULES ARE DUMB.
BUT WE NEED HER ON STUDENT COUNCIL.
MY DEAR MISS SHIRAYURI
DITCH THE ACT, LADY! YOU MADE HANABI DO THIS THING!
NOW YOU WANNA SCREW HER OVER!
GULP
STUDENT COUNCIL PLANS A FULL INVESTIGA-TION.
SOME GUYS HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT YOU.
AND ANOTHER THING, TEACHER ...
YOU WANT HER TO QUIT? THEN YOU'LL HAFTA CONVINCE US.


...!
SLUMP
...
BY THE WAY, TEACH... YOUR PERFUME REEKS!
...MISS SHIRAYURI.
YOU WANNA HURT HANABI? YOU'LL HAFTA DEAL WITH US FIRST...
MAKE NO MISTAKE.

SLAMMM
SHE APPEARED! HANAKO'S GHOST!
SHREEEEK!
COME TO THE GIRLS' BATH-ROOM!
MEMORIZE EVERY-THING IN HERE, OKAY?
NO! SHE LAUGHED! HONEST!
YOU'RE TRIPPIN OUT, HANABI!
HANAKO THE TOILET GHOST! IN THE LAST STALL!!
WHO?
HYUK YUK YUK!
SHE'S DEFINITELY ENTERTAIN-ING..
C'MON, C'MON!
I AM NOT GOIN' IN..


MEIBI HIGH, A FAMOUS SCHOOL WITH FAMOUS TRADITIONS.
AND HANABI OZORA...
...IS OUR NEW BOOK TO STUDY.
I DREW THAT TOILET GHOST!
?
WHAT A FACE!
WHOA!
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE
ZING

I DID IT!
BROADCAST ROOM
FINALS ARE OVER!
ALL RIGHT. STANDBY.
YOU GUYS REALLY SAVED MY ASS! THANKS!
I GOT 100% ON ALMOST EVERY EXAM!
NOW YOU CAN FINALLY MAKE THAT STUDENT COUNCIL ANNOUNCE-MENT.
WATCHING HER LIKE A HAWK
I'M NUMERO UNO! ♡
100
100
BEST OF ALL, YOU DON'T HATE ME.
I CAN STAY ON STUDENT COUNCIL!
I'M SO HAPPY!

OF COURSE NOT.
WHAT? YOU WOULDN'T HATE ME EVEN IF I_
I NEVER HATED YOU. I WAS JUST TRYING TO FIRE YOU UP.
WHY DO YOU HAFTA SAY IT?
I LOVE YOU.
OWWW!
MY SHOULDER POPPED!
UN
KLIK
LEMME SEE.
THAT HURT!
SAY YOU LOVE ME, TOO.
SAY IT, YASU.
HEY, I'M ENTITLED! I'M NUMERO UNO!
SAY IT, SAY IT!
SLIP
100
BASH
BUT IT HURTS! IT HURTS!
HOLD STILL.
WHAT'S WRONG?

PLEASE BE GENTLE!
OH!
OHHHH!
JUST RELAX. I'LL PUT IT IN FOR YOU
OHHHH, YASU...
TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF.
HOLD STILL.
STOP.
THAT'S HANABI!
WHAT THE—?
IT'S IN!
SWOOON
DASH
YASU!
PLOP
IS THAT MR. GARAKU?

TO BE CONTINUED!

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